

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 16th November 2018

Issue 10

Message from the Principal

“Making Every Day Count.”

On Tuesday 20th November we will be suspending the timetable for PSCHE and STEM day. Year 10, 11 and 12 will be on the Specialisms site all day. Year 10-12 will be working with local business partners on applications, interviews and selling themselves.

Y7-9 will be experiencing STEM in action. All students will need to go to the Officers Mess for registration. Y7 will then form their teams and take part in a STEM day at the Officers Mess and Year 8 and 9 will be off to London to the Science Museum on a fact finding mission.

As we explained last week, over the last two weeks across the school we have been providing each of you a data snapshot based on the first half term. In primary that has been an overview of term 1. In secondary this data snapshot report gives you feedback on their first results at our assessment point one. All our students are given a target based on their key stage 2 results for the End of Year and End of Year 11. The government has identified on average what children achieve by the end of year 11 who got those KS2 results. We set students' target one grade above this because we want them to have high expectations.

Key Stage 3 students' data snapshot will tell you whether they are on track or working towards their target. This will be different for each child as they all performed differently in Year 6. On the report you will also have seen their attitude to learning grade and homework grade.

We know a child can have a bad assessment and this is only part of the picture we use for planning learning for them. However, we would want to intervene if this became a pattern. This intervention can be in class by the teacher, through homework and sometimes in after school lunch clubs. For those children with special educational needs, we may sometimes withdraw them from a lesson to do some intensive intervention. However, the aim is to quickly get them back into lessons with their teacher and peers.

If you are concerned about anything, our staff are more than happy for you to email them and if necessary, can meet you or phone you.

Next week we are holding our Open Evening for Sixth Form applications for 2019. This will be a chance for you to hear a presentation about 6th form at HPFS from our Director of Sixth Form, speak with subject staff delivering our post 16 courses and visit the sixth form base.

On the 30th November we will offer a taster day to the first 30 applicants. This will enable them to experience at least one Post 16 lesson, take part in the leadership and employability taster and visit the base as a potential learner in our sixth form.

Homework is important as students need to be able to consolidate learning or prepare for future learning. As a school, we use Show My Homework. This is an online tool and you can download the app as a parent on to your phone. Our students use this app well. But we have noticed not all our parents have signed up for it. If you would like to find out more visit our website and see the secondary Homework Page or contact Miss Marin on cmarin@heyfordparkfreeschool.org to be reissued with your parent pin.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Spend 15 minutes on each subject that has introduced new knowledge to you. Get someone to test you on this. You are just memorising it by repetition.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 12th
November 2018 is Week 1 on the
Secondary Timetable

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.

21.12.18—Last Day of Term

January

07.01.19—Inset Day

08.01.19—Term Starts for
Students

10.01.19—Macbeth Trip; Year 11

22.01.19—Careers Fest; Y10-12

23.01.19—Parent Voice Drop In
2pm and 6pm at OM

February

08.02.19—Friends Quiz Night

14.02.19—Year 8 Parent Evening
2.30-6.30pm TBC

18.02.19-22.02.19—Half Term

25.02.19—Inset Day

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

Please direct any enquiries to
office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

New from the Maths Department

For the remainder of this term students in Year 7 will continue to build their understanding of algebra and fractions. Year 8 will be building on their knowledge from Year 7 on area and volume of different shapes and then moving onto graphs and how they relate to real life situations. Years 9 and 10 will be extending their knowledge of algebra with particular focus on indices and sequences.

Year 11 have completed a mock this week. Results will be returned to students as soon as the paper is marked. Key topics highlighted from this exam and the previous two papers done this year will be the focus on the work in lessons for the rest of the term. A massive well done to all of Year 11 who have worked hard in the lead up to this exam.

Maths ambassadors will be involved in planning a whole school activity this year for Pi day (on 14th March). It is an exciting opportunity to get students involved in developing their leadership skills and for the school to be involved in Maths activities during the day. Further details to follow closer to the event.

In Maths we like to get students thinking. Below is a problem, the first three replies to Mr White will receive an award:

Sammy the snake wants to climb a 20 metre wall. She climbs 5 metres during the day and falls 4 metres at night. How many days will it take Sammy to climb the wall and why?

Mr White

Message from Mr Ireland

Maths Staff

In January I will be starting as Director of Learning for Maths. I have been popping in for a few hours some Wednesdays and have been really impressed by the students and the maths team. I'm really looking forward to starting properly. I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mr White who has been a fantastic interim subject leader and made my job a lot easier with all the things he has done already. He will be a brilliant head of department in his new school and I have learned a lot from his example. In the remaining month till the end of term there may be a few temporary teacher changes in maths as we focus on exam groups, until stability is resumed in January. Please do e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

Mr Ireland

CHOCOLATE! Now I have your attention. You can win a bar of chocolate by entering the new weekly puzzle competition. Every good attempt, right or wrong, will win a house point and one correct answer each week will win a bar of chocolate (or alternative if you don't eat chocolate!). Parents – please do try these with your children (but they get the chocolate). Answers on a piece of paper (with your name and tutor group) to your maths teacher please, by Wednesday morning.

Maths Puzzle of the Week

I'm too lazy to put my socks in pairs before I put them in the drawer, but I know I have 10 black socks, 8 blue socks and 4 red socks. Last week we had a power cut and I was trying to get a pair out in the pitch black. What is the smallest number of socks I needed to take out to be certain of having at least one matching pair?

PHSE Day

PSHE Young Enterprise day: Years 10-12, Tuesday November 20th at the SC

Assembly and Registration for all year groups (8.00am in the sports hall) and then rooms to be used for the day as follows:

Year 12: Art Room

Yr 11R TB.19

Yr 11U TB.16

Yr 10R TB.22

Yr 10U TB.21

Mr Hobbs

Reward Trips

Tuesday 11th December

Please sign up for the Reward activities on ParentPay.

If you choose Christmas films/crafts option, this will be on a separate list that will come round to students at school.

Thanks,

Mr Hobbs

Christmas Dinner

Please remember meals need to be booked before **20th November** for seniors. Its on parent pay, come and get it!!

New from Mrs McMahon-Brown

Link to Hope

A big **thank you** to everyone who contributed to the Link to Hope shoebox appeal. This year we were able to pack up, wrap and deliver 21 shoeboxes to our local collection point.

GCSE Art Mock exam

Year 11 will be sitting their mock Art exam on **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th December**. All Year 11 Art students are expected to attend the afterschool and lunchtime sessions during the next few weeks, so that preparatory work is completed before this exam. This work is vital as it makes up a significant portion of the Component 1 GCSE coursework.





PERFORMING ARTS NOTICES



VOICE IN A MILLION WORKSHOP

SUPERB, AMAZING, FABULOUS!

90 primary and secondary students joined together on Tuesday 13th to participate in a singing workshop and audition to appear on the stage at Wembley Arena in March 2019.

Jo Garaflo, who is the Creative Director and Co-Founder of Voice in a Million, ran the workshop and gave our students a taste of showbiz coaching that she provides for The X Factor and The Voice TV shows.

To see 90 primary and secondary students performing together was amazing and they were a credit to HPFS. One of Jo's criteria for stage performing was good behaviour and our students' conduct was superb from start to finish with non-stop focus and hard work for two hours. Everybody was eager to volunteer and step up to the microphone and primary and secondary were all given the chance. I am so VERY proud of them all.

The three Choirs of HPFS; Little Harmonies, Harmonies and Dynamix were then recorded singing two songs. Jo will look at the recordings in December, along with all the other schools who are auditioning, to decide if we get to perform on the stage again. Dynamix also auditioned for a solo spot.

Watch this space...



IT'S BEGINNING TO SOUND A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS...

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas will soon be upon us and rehearsals for our Christmas Concert on **Wednesday 19th December** are now well under way. This is our annual feast of music and drama, which encompasses the WHOLE school family. Any student wishing to perform **MUST** come and speak to me so that I can put appropriate performances together. Music can be festive or otherwise. I will of course be encouraging some students to perform!

Students wishing to be a part of my 'Movers and Groovers' (sound, lighting and stage crew) need to come and speak to me also. I and my current Movers and Groovers will be looking to start training some new members for this crucial technical back stage group.

[Mrs Beckett](#)
[Performing Arts](#)



Open Evening for Prospective Sixth Form Students – Wednesday 21st November 5.30pm-6.30pm

You are warmly invited to attend an Opening Evening for all Prospective Sixth Form students and their parents on Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 5.30pm. This will begin in the Ballroom.

A Heyford Park Sixth Form prospectus will be available together with an application form for a post-16 place in September 2019. The documents will also be able to be viewed on our 6th form website pages from Monday 19th November 2018.

The evening will consist of a formal presentation from the Director of Sixth form, Mrs Sarah Heywood and the Sixth Form teaching team in the Ballroom outlining the application procedure, subject options available and how Sixth Form life differs from the main school.

This is an opportunity to meet subject teachers and current Sixth Form students to discuss the courses and opportunities available at Heyford Park Sixth Form.



Watersports trip

FINAL CALL - we have extended the deadline for deposits to be paid to the 23rd November. Beyond this date, we will be unable to accept deposits and have to make a decision as to the suitability of the trip. As things stand we will be unable to run the trip with the numbers of deposits paid. If you would like more information, please see the attached letter and contact Mr Brown.

Mr Brown

Director of Learning PE and Arts

Sports Fixtures



Fixtures WB 19th Nov

Tuesday 20th Nov - Y10 NOSSP Rugby Final @ Banbury Rugby Club Kick Off 1615. Approx return to HPFS 1800

Thursday 22nd Nov - Y11 NOSSP Netball Finals @ North Oxon Academy. Approx return to HPFS 1800

There will be no 'Wellbeing Wednesday' club next week to allow staff to set up for the 6th form Open evening.

News from Friends

The date for this is January 17th. Bags will be handed out closer to the time.

Any queries please contact :

Kate Akkerman (kakkerman@heyfordparkfreeschool.org)

Clerk to the Governing Body



Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 96.68 %

Primary Attendance = 97.45 %

Secondary Attendance = 96.12 %

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