

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 14th December 2018

Issue 14

Message from the Principal

“DON'T COUNT THE DAYS. MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT”

We are now in our last week of the term. All of us can see that with the dark nights and an eight-week term, students are getting tired. It is at this point when being kind to each other and thinking about others is really important. When everyone is tired it is the strength of the community that looks out and takes care of all.

Over the last two weeks students have been completing assessments based on their learning this term or so far in their course. Next week students who haven't yet, will be expected to respond to their teachers' feedback and make an improvement to their assessment. This way we all keep learning and improving.

This week school has been full of song and laughter; nervous students about to perform for families and excitement on stage.

Next week primary and secondary come together under the leadership of Mrs Beckett in our Christmas Carol Concert.

On Tuesday this week secondary students who qualified by meeting our expectations were rewarded with day off timetable. They got to choose between Bounce, Westgate shopping or film and crafts. All staff teams said what a pleasure it was to spend the day with their students on their trips. They commended them for their politeness, fun and care for each other.

Thank-you to everybody who got involved in Christmas Jumper day for the Save the Children national day. This brings the spirit of Christmas alive as Christmas is a time to think of others.

Christmas is also a time of fun and laughter when we set aside our worries. In this spirit, our 6th Form students are leading The Wonderful Christmas Character Charity Event on the **20th December**. There will be awards and photo opportunities for those who want to join in the spirit of the day. So everyone needs to start thinking who your favourite characters are from Christmas!

On the last day of term **21st December**, we will all be returning to the OM for lesson 4 to join our tutors for the Christmas quiz and tutor Christmas party. Students in each tutor group will be with both their Specialism and Officers Mess tutor. After lunch, we will have our final assembly to wish everybody a fantastic holiday.

Year 10 Subject meetings:

Thursday 20th December is year 10 subject evening. Therefore, all students in secondary will finish at 2pm. This was put into place on the last Thursday of every half term in response to parents' requests for more time to see subject teachers and the opportunity to see all of them. We had a very positive response from year 11 parents in October who valued the structure. We will value your feedback to ensure we keep making this opportunity for us all to meet together as valuable as possible.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Have you created a revision timetable with topics mapped in yet! Give yourself some days off over Christmas but don't stop for the whole 2 weeks. Keep it going.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 17th
December 2018 is Week 2 on
the Secondary Timetable**

December

19.12.18—Christmas Concert 7pm at
OM, Ballroom

20.12.18—Y10 Parents Evening
2.30pm-6.30pm.

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**

Message from Finance Dept

A little reminder to all parents/carers to please review your children/s ParentPay account to ensure payments are made in a timely manner and any debit is cleared by Friday 21 December 2018.

If you have any concerns, please contact
finance@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Thank you.

Finance Team

News from the Pastoral Team

It was great to see over 90% of the secondary students achieve the criteria for their Reward activities this week. It is so important to achieve a very high rate of attendance at school, as statistics show missing more than a day a term can impact on a student's ability to keep up effectively with their subject's curriculum content.

Similarly it is a pleasure to have seen so many students in recent weeks consistently meeting the expectations of behaviour we have at Heyford Park.

We are already looking forward to rewarding them with new Reward activities in the Spring term.

The Pastoral Team

We are looking to recruit a team of Invigilators

If you are looking for an interesting and challenging role in the school environment and can work flexible days/ hours for approximately 10 weeks throughout the year, to assist with internal mock exams and the GCSE summer examination period, then we would love to hear from you!

If this is a role that you might be interested in or would like more information, please contact us at recruitment@heyfordparkfreeschool.org or visit our website <http://heyfordparkfreeschool.org/vacancies>

Thank you
HR Office

News from English Department

A massive congratulations to Aiden Sallis, Erica Weston, Ella Bettles and Marshall Scanlon. They were nominated for an AQA Unlocking Potential Award by Miss Gibson based on their determination to succeed at Heyford Park Free School. Although they did not win this year, they did receive a letter from Lead Patron Dame Kelly Holmes recognising their dedication within many various aspects of school life. A heartfelt well done to these four students who have shown a massive strength of character this year."

Sian Gibson



Christmas Character Day

On Thursday 20th December, Heyford Park Sixth Formers are launching a Christmas character day- both primary and secondary pupils and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite Christmas character! Perhaps you would like to be Buddy the Elf for a day? There will be prizes for the best dressed and the best group ensemble costume. There will be prizes for the jolliest Santa, the most helpful Elf, and the reddest nosed Rudolf.

Heyford Park 6th form are raising funds for the Batthula trust. This helps a school in India which gives children who can't afford an education a chance to attend school - <http://www.bcaretrust.com>

Minimum donation of £1 payable on the day

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2018

The HPFS School Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 19th December at 7.00pm.

There are now a limited number of tickets available so if you wish to purchase them for the concert please do so before 4pm on Tuesday 18th December.



Mrs S Beckett
Performing Arts

Sports Fixtures/News

Only fixture next week is Year 10 Football on Wednesday at BGN.
Leave at 13:30. Kick off at 2.15.

No Wellbeing Wednesday until after Christmas.

Here's a ball.
Try to get it in the goal.
One rule: you can't use
your hands. Go.



Sports Dept. Request

If anyone has any spare racquets – Badminton, tennis or squash – that they could donate to the school the PE dept would be very grateful. Please drop at the office if you do,

Many thanks
The PE Department



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



Christmas Raffle

Please remember Raffle ticket stubs and money needs to be handed in by **Tuesday 18th December**.

Thank You for your support
FoHPFS

Year 10 and 11 History Trip to Belgium

Please don't forget to book your place on the above trip. Deposits have to be paid by **Friday 14th December**.

There are only 50 spaces available for this trip.

R. Rhymes

History

New from Art

Last week Dr Chris Lewis presented Amber Thornton with her prize for winning a logo design competition. Amber designed a bold and creative logo for the National Forum for Acute Surgery. There were also two runners up: Sophia Macgregor and Maksim Kazakov. Well done to all concerned.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 96.30% Primary Attendance = 97.05% Secondary Attendance = 95.67%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

A Christmas Carol- brought to life at Heyford Park Free School

Last week we were lucky enough to have Quantum Theatre come into school to perform A Christmas Carol to year 10 and year 11 students. Their fast paced entertaining performance was excellently structured highlighting the changes the main character-Ebenezer Scrooge- undergoes in a bid to be a better man.

The students were fantastic and really enjoyed watching the novella come to life. We are confident this will lead to a better understanding and insight when tackling their GCSE English Literature examinations on this text. Thank you again to all involved and well done to the students for representing our school so well; it made me so proud to work here!

Here are some of their comments:

"The play strengthened my understanding of the characters and the plot. I feel more confident when I am answering questions on A Christmas Carol!! Katerina

"You could really understand the storyline and who was who in their play version. It wasn't boring or ordinary, it was an energetic performance." Kordy

"The play was very fun to watch and was a great experience to learn more about the novella instead of reading it." Henry

"The play itself was quality, great acting and used lines directly from the book. It really helped me and everyone else to get a better understanding of the novella." Will

"The performance was very enjoyable to watch and all of the actors were very professional. They all did a fantastic job with their roles." Aidan

"The play was a masterpiece- the actors had the ability to trap you in the story through the use of lights and clever props with only a 3 people crew." Finlay

Thank you again to all involved.

Miss Marin

Assistant Headteacher for Teaching and Learning/ Head of English and Media



Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19th December

7pm Officers' Mess Ballroom



Tickets £2.50 adults/Children £1.00; available from Mrs Beckett and OM Reception.