

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 1st February 2019

Issue 19

Message from the Principal

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

Our new student receptionist rota started again this term and I think we have all been impressed with **Year 7 and 8** students who have managed this with maturity. They are not only managing the rota independently by checking their reception slots but also ensure they help organise cover if anyone is away for their duty. The staff really value the support student receptionists provide and they get to develop new skills that often we only use when we start work.

Year 8 parents evening is on the 14th February. You will have received a letter regarding this. You need to book appointments via the online appointment system as outlined in the letter. The teachers your child has are specified in the letter.

Year 10 mock exams start on Monday 4th February 2019. Their timetable has been published for the last 3 weeks in the newsletter for you. All exams are at the specialisms so please check exam timetable so you know which site they will start and finish on. If they do not have an exam they are in normal lessons. Please ask you child about knowledge organisers as subjects where this is relevant have provided these through Show My Homework or the teacher has given them a paper copy

Year 11 and **Post 16** mock exams begin the 4th March. I know that nearly all year 11 have kept revision going – but it is important they try questions and test themselves with closed books. There are lots of apps and websites they can use as well as the ones we have shared with them in school. Ask them to show you GCSE Pod as this has videos and quizzes that can help them.

Year 11 have been provided with a pack of the basic knowledge organisers of the knowledge they need to learn for their examination. All children have a complete pack but can remove the courses they do not do. For mathematics we have not provided one as they need to use the Edexcel Revision book which I know many are using. A lot of work has gone into these by staff to support our students. Knowledge is something we have to learn whereas skills we practice. Constant quizzing at home on sections of this knowledge can help students move this knowledge from their short term memory to their long term memory. Please ask your child to see these. We will upload this next week onto the website in curriculum and will send you, via parent mail, a password so you can open them

Year 7 and 8 look out for the 14th February. This will be an Enterprise Day for you.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 4th February
2019 is Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable**

February

04.02.19—Year 10 Mock Exams
week

08.02.19—Year 9 Immunisations
& Friends Quiz Night

14.02.19—Year 8 Parent Evening
2.30-6.30pm at the OM

18.02.19-22.02.19—Half Term

25.02.19—Inset Day

March

04.03.19—Year 11& Post 16 Mock

12.03.19-14.03.19—Primary
Parents Evening

15.03.19—Sixth Form Transition
Day 2

20.03.19—Voice in a Million at
Wembley

22.03.19—1 day History Trip

27.03.19—Options Evening

April

03.04.19—Reward Trip T.B.C.

04.04.19 - Year 7 Parents Evening
2.30-6.30pm at OM

05.04.19—Last Day of Term

08.04.19-19.04.19—Half Term

22.04.19—Bank Holiday

23.04.19—Inset Day

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

*Please direct any enquiries to
office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org*

New Behaviour policy

You will be aware that last term we reviewed our behaviour policy to ensure as we grow we can ensure greater consistency. We worked with Pivotal and asked them to complete an audit of behaviour in the school. Whilst they stated behaviour was good, as Ofsted did, they agreed with our evaluation of the need to develop a shared and consistent approach. They suggested we started by simplifying our expectations as conversations, recognition and sanctions could be linked to these expectations. We reduced our expectation from 9 statements to 4 words which are:

Ready Respectful Safe Kind

As a school the founding vision statement is that we will be an inclusive community school. This does mean that whilst we aim to have the same expectations in relation to behaviour for all our children and the destination will be the same; the journey may not be. Whether in primary or secondary our children are all unique with strengths and needs as they move towards maturity. At times they all need support personalised to them whether this is helping them academically secure that Grade 8 or in relation to personal skills of regulating an aspect of their behaviour. However, as we all know as adults we cannot do it for them, each student has to be an active part of any intervention to support them developing their skills whether these are academic or personal.

Our new draft behaviour policy was attached to the email we sent with the newsletter last week and we would welcome feedback. You can provide this by emailing me directly as I will collect this as part of the consultation. We will be finalising this at half term.

Mobile Phones

As you are aware our school policy is mobile phones cannot be seen or heard during the school day. We do allow students to use them between sites, however, if a phone is confiscated it's for the whole day and will not be transported between site. If a phone is confiscated at the SC it stays at the SC, likewise for the OM. Students will need to make arrangements themselves to collect their phones. Offices are staffed until 4.30pm. If you need, in an emergency, to contact your child, please ring the school office. This will come into effect from Monday 4th February 2019.

Uniform:

High standards of uniform are important to us. We thank all our parents who support this.

We recognise that sometimes your child can have an issue. Please can you ring school or email their tutor to let us know and when it will be resolved. If there is an issue in resolving a uniform problem we can support you please contact your child's tutor.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Is your child learning the key knowledge and testing themselves? Most of us cannot learn information by just reading it. They need toread it, say it, write it, cover it and repeat. Use practice questions from exam papers.

English Competition

The English Department is launching a new and exciting competition to the whole of Heyford Park Free School, and invite any students interested to enter.

The task is to create either a short story, a poem, an art piece or a short film using the phrase **“A hooded figure flitted across the shadowy street”**.

The competition runs from Friday 11th January to Friday 8th February, then the entries will be judged by the English ambassadors and winners chosen. There are many wonderful prizes to be won, including £10, £20 and £30 Amazon gift cards, lunch with Miss Marin and the English ambassadors, and other surprise prizes to be announced.



News from the Site Team

Gentle Reminder

Parents are reminded not to park on the double yellow lines at the rear of the school at drop off and Collection times.

Can parents please use the allocated parking bays and the school drop off parking area. This causes a particular problem on Fridays. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe.

News from the Office

Please be aware that there is no parking at the Officer's Mess site for parents at the end of the day. Parking is only for those who have been granted access by the School Principal for medical reasons. Please pick up your children from the drop off area at the back of the school.

We also kindly ask that you do not drop your children off at the front of the school gates at the OM. It is not safe for children to be dropped off here and also causes issues for staff trying to enter the school gates. Parents should use the parent drop off area round the back of the school.

Lost Property

Please can you help us to get lost property back to you , by ensuring all clothing, bottles, lunch bags and PE kits have your child's name in them. If anything is found we will return lost property to your child.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 96.03% Primary Attendance = 96.95% Secondary Attendance = 95.25%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

Year 10 Mock exam timetable W/C 4th February

	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3
	8:15am start	11:00am start	2:00pm start
Monday 4th February	Mathematics Paper 1 (1hr, 30min)	History (1hr 15min)	Science P1 (1hr 30min)
		Geography (1hr 30min)	
Tuesday 5th February	English Paper(1hr 45min)	Science P2 (1hr 30min)	
Wednesday 6th February	Maths Paper 2 (1hr 30 min)	Spanish Writing F (1hr) Spanish Writing H (1hr)	
Thursday 7th February	GCSE PE Paper 1 (1hr)	Computer Science (1hr30)	Spanish Reading <u>E</u> (45min) Listening F (45 mins inc. reading time) <u>Sports Hall</u>
			Spanish Reading <u>H</u> (1hr) Listening H (50 mins inc. reading time) <u>SH03</u>

All exams will take place at the Specialisms Campus.

Students need to be on time to all exams and have the correct equipment with them.

Water bottles are acceptable as long as labels are removed.

Year 10 Mock exam week 4th - 8th February 2019

During mock exam week it is important that all students arrive adequately equipped for their exams.

All students should have a clear plastic pencil case or a clear plastic bag and it needs to contain the following;

Black ink pen/Biro

Pencil

Eraser

Sharpener

Ruler – with millimetre measurement

Standard geometry set – to include pair of compasses, protractor and set square

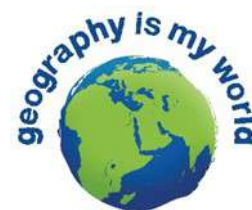
Scientific Calculator.

We appreciate your support in ensuring all students are fully prepared for their examinations.



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



Geography

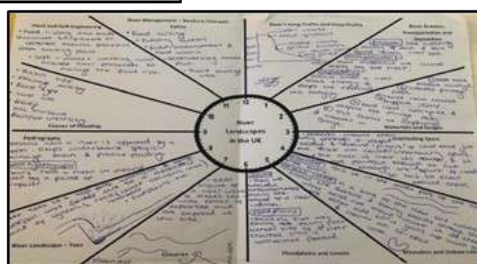
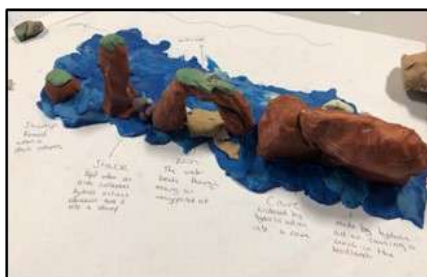
Drumroll please! I am excited to announce that letters have gone out to current year 12 and year 10 geography students about a proposed trip to ICELAND! This country is literally a geographers' paradise where students will have the opportunity to view the divide between tectonic plates, geothermal hot springs, world renowned volcanoes and if that wasn't enough, hopefully, a spectacular view of the northern lights!! I for one cannot wait to share this amazing landscape with our very keen geographers here at Heyford Park.

The deadline for the deposit is Friday 8th February.

Don't worry year 9, you haven't been forgotten, the opportunity will be open to you as of Friday 1st February!



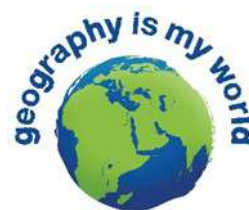
In geography this term our year 10 and 7 students have spent a lot of time working on memorisation strategies. These have included making models, creating revision clocks, using diagrams and colour coding information. All tasks are designed to help students find out the many different methods that there are to remember information. This is especially important for our students embarking on their GCSE courses. Below are some of the ways in which students have taken part in developing their memory.





Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



Student shout outs!

Year 7: Abi Ward – For contributing really well to your geography lessons and asking questions. Also for donating a map for my classroom – I can never have too many!

Year 8: Tia Heywood – For asking lots of questions to help improve your work and writing extended paragraphs in a clear and accurate manner

Year 9: Ruby Jones and Nancy Belle La Porte – For an excellent first attempt at a 9 mark GCSE exam question. You both took on board a wide range of information and structured your answers as advised to make them clear and concise.

Year 10: Henry Fletcher – It has been great to see you so engaged in your studies of rivers and coasts this term!

Harry Pointer-Mclean – For working so diligently through our coasts topic so far!

Year 11: Ella Bettles – For asking lots of insightful questions during your geography lessons to help expand your own understanding.

Year 11

A reminder that year 11 geography revision takes place after school every Tuesday and Thursday: 4:00pm-5:00pm.

Keep attending and reviewing all of the work to help aid your own revision at home!

As usual, keep up the enthusiasm!

Miss Baines

History

Heyford Students have been working well in History this term, Year 11 are on track to complete all the GCSE content by half term, allowing us plenty of time for revision. Year 11 have a walking talking mock for paper two on 27th Feb, so make sure that you are using the revision materials and GCSEpod to revise the Cold War and Elizabeth content!

Year 10 have completed the content for Paper 1, for your mock next week make sure that you are revising all elements of the medicine topic.

Year 9 have been looking at 1920s USA with a focus on the issues of prohibition and the rise of the gangsters, it has been great hearing their discussions on these topics.

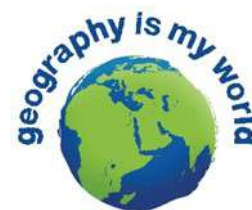
Year 8 we are studying the ever popular Titanic unit. I have been so impressed with the way year 8 have approached this unit and the maturity that they have shown when dealing with the impact of this tragedy, while still being able to analyse key features. Well Done Year 8!

Finally, in Year 7 when have been looking at the Medieval period, with a focus on the murder of Thomas Becket. Year 7 have shown the potential to be great Historians with this unit, particularly when evaluating who they blame the most for Becket's death.



Humanities Update!

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History stars

Year 7 – Rhys Lewis and Ruby Chapman

Year 8 – Marcus Proctor and Brooke Green

Year 9 – Maisy Ball and Finlay Sealby

Year 10 – Joe Ottaway and Yasmin Saint

Year 11 – Ethan Jenkins and Tristan Corn

Upcoming events

A reminder to the Yr9, 10, 11 and 12 students that are going on the Ypres trip – You need to bring in your passport next week so that Mrs Rhymes can pass the details on to the trip company. If you have recently applied for a passport or a renewal, please let Mrs Rhymes know as soon as possible.

Also, Year 11, make sure that you sign up for the Hodder revision webinar on 18th March (3:30-5pm), sign-up sheet is at the SC on the exams information board.

Also, the humanities team are looking for ideas for key stage 3 trips, any ideas for potential sites in the UK please let Mrs Rhymes or Miss Baines know.

Keep up the great work!

Mrs Rhymes



Spanish

Year 11 Intervention – Thursdays after school 4-5 p.m. (except on 14/2 as it is Year 8 Parents Evening).

Year 11 will be having an intensive four-hour Spanish session on Monday, 11th February, Periods 1-4, prior to their mocks after half term.

A Spanish theatre company will be visiting HPFS to perform their play “El Viejo Saloon” to Years 8, 9 and 10 on Monday, 13th May.

Star Students for Spanish

Year 7 – Reece Green, Kian Duggan, Murray Scott and Annabel Charlesworth for their hard work and enthusiasm

Year 8 – Reese Corn, Edward Willetts and Rebecca Hiles for positive attitude to learning

Year 9 – India Bailey and Owen Scott for consistent dedication to learning

Year 10 – Poppy Fisher for excellent progress

Year 11 – Thomas Akkerman for progress and attitude to learning