

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 1st March 2019

Issue 22

Message from the Principal

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

What a great holiday we had in February, it was like a holiday in the summer months! It is amazing the difference the sun and the beginning of longer days can make to the way we all feel. Staff and students this week have talked with enthusiasm about coming to school in the light. At break and lunch time we started the week with students and staff being able to sit at the picnic tables in the sunshine. We all know that there is a great amount of research about the positive impact of longer days and warmth. In school we saw a lot of smiles. Smiling in itself makes us personally feel better but also makes others feel better so keep doing it everyone.

Next week Year 11 and Post 16 mock exams begin. All students received their timetable before half term and a copy has been provided in the newsletter over the last few weeks. All examinations will be on the Specialisms site. When students are not in examinations, they will be in normal lessons. Mock examinations can be stressful as we do these over a shorter period of time than external examinations would be done. It is important that mock exams are used to rehearse the routines, strategies and positive habits that are needed in examinations. They are an opportunity to learn what works for you during examinations and how you need to change your approach. Ford said “If you always do what you’ve always done, you will always get what you’ve always got”.

Before half term the window opened for the rewards trips and activities. We do expect in a 4-week period students to have a 100% attendance and not to get sanctions. We are always very proud of how many students meet the criteria and each time we see a few more. Well done to everyone who has pushed themselves that bit more. Research says it takes 3 weeks to change a habit, this is a way not only recognising all our students who get it right day in and out but also give an opportunity to stimulate change for those that might not.

In half term Miss Dumbill and I met with the designers who will be supporting the upgrade of our website. At the Parents Drop-in January parents gave us key factors they would like. We will now be forming a small project group to implement this for September. If you would be interested and have the time, we would appreciate parent representation on this group. Please email me if you are interested.

Next week some of our students are off to Oxford with Miss Marin to take part in a Gifted and Talented Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for students from across the region to work together developing their cognitive skills and explore how they learn.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 4th March
2019 is Week 2 on the Secondary
Timetable**

March

04.03.19-12.03.19—Year 11&
Post 16 Mock's

12.03.19-14.03.19—Primary
Parents Evening

14.03.19—Post 16 Open 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*

Year 11 Evening: “Supporting students towards their GCSEs” – Thursday 21st March, 5.30

We will be holding a Year 11 Evening for parents. As the adults in a year 11s life, there is a lot needed from us to support them during this period of time. This evening will cover revision strategies, staying healthy, managing stress, revising mathematics (it is different)

Year 11 Booster and Revision sessions

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR
Lunch	Art & PE	Art & computer science		
4pm - 5pm	English (FB01 OM)	Computer science Geography History	1. mathematics (TB22 SC)	2. science (TB19 SC) 3. Spanish 4. History

Students who have been targeted are required to attend a session. We hope you will support us as we have identified that they have a barrier that is stopping them from getting high marks and grades

Revision Tip of the Week:

Make sure you are doing timed questions with closed books.

Duke of Edinburgh update

Parents of year 11 and year 10 students taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award are invited to see their students presentations about their expeditions and get their Awards on **Tuesday 2nd April at 6:00pm** in the Ballroom at the Officers Mess.

Written invitations will also be sent to you.

Duke of Edinburgh catch up sessions will take place throughout this term in order for all students to make sure that their online account is updated and their presentations are completed. These sessions will take place on **Tuesday lunchtimes for year 11 and Wednesday lunchtimes for year 10.**

Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh students: We have had the dates for your expeditions! These will be as follows:

Friday 6th - Saturday 7th September

Friday 20th - Saturday 21st September

Training for the expedition will take place on Tuesday 2nd July. This will include our expedition trainers coming into school and working with students to plan their routes and their kit (this will all be reviewed during summer school at the end of August).

Miss P Baines

Duke of Edinburgh Manager

Pastoral News

The top 'Attitude to Learning' students in each of year groups 7-11 were treated to Pizza on the Friday before Half Term in their House Groups.

Photos tell the story!....



News from English

Miss Gibson would like to warmly acknowledge Year 9 and the leadership skills displayed this week when completing a puzzle concerning the text 'The Lord of the Flies'. Students were given a plot question and a non-matching answer and discovered during the course of the lesson where their match lay. Engagement was exemplary and student communication in supporting each other very commendable.



News from the School Office

From Monday 4th March BT are carrying out works along Camp Road from the junction with Soden Road to just past the main vehicle gates at the Officers Mess main school.



Traffic lights will be in operation and a temporary footpath in use.



The pedestrian crossing further along Camp Road will still be in operation.

Parking will remain unchanged at the rear of the school and the parent drop off car park.

Could all parents and carers please be aware that there may be delays along Camp Road.

Parental Workshop

Speaker

Karen Spasic

SPA Clinician

In reach

Mental Health lead

Oxfordshire CAMHS

Anxiety in Children

How to Identify and Support Your Child During times of Stress and Anxiety.



When

Wednesday 6th March 2019
5.30pm - 7.30pm

This workshop is free

Where

Officers Mess - Ballroom

Refreshments

will be available

Please inform the school office if you would like
to attend

Fixtures

Tuesday 5th March - Year 8 Netball and Year 10/11 Hockey Tournament at North Oxfordshire Academy

Thursday 7th March - Year 7 Netball and Year 9 Hockey Tournament at North Oxfordshire Academy

Pick up HPFS at 6pm

Friday 8th March - Year 7 and 8 Sports hall athletics at BGN

Pick up 5pm.

Please check notice board for details.

Miss Welby

News from the Kitchen

On Tuesday 5th March we will be serving pancakes in the canteen.

60p—lemon and sugar and cream topping.



Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.91%

Primary Attendance = 96.84%

Secondary Attendance = 95.12%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

Advance notice: Reward Day Wednesday April 3rd

Cadbury World - Cotswold Wildlife Park—Popcorn Film and Slippers are the 3 options

Payment and options are now available on ParentPay. The chance to book closes on Friday 22nd March.

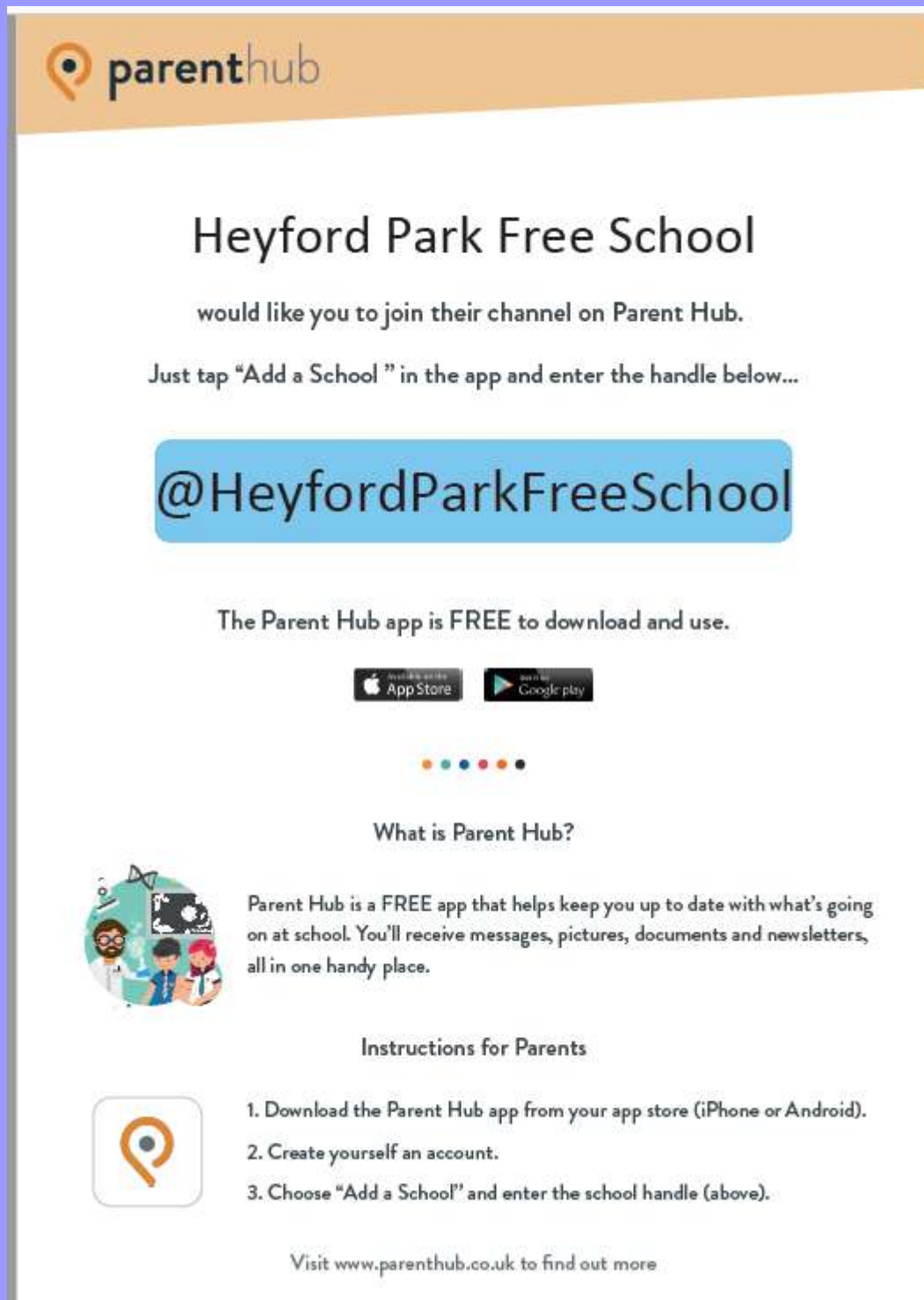
New ParentHub App for Parents

As a school we will shortly be introducing the new ParentHub App. This will enable faster, more effective communications with parents/carers. At this time we would ask you to download the App, which is entirely free, and subscribe to the school channel (information below). We will start to publish through the app w/c 4th March, if you have any issues please contact the office and we will try to resolve them asap.

We would be grateful if as many parents could download the App, as notifications will be instant, rather than us relying on email for communication. We will for the first couple of weeks send via the new app and also email.

Many thanks

The School Office Team



The poster features the ParentHub logo at the top left. The main heading is 'Heyford Park Free School' in a large, bold font. Below this, it says 'would like you to join their channel on Parent Hub.' and 'Just tap "Add a School" in the app and enter the handle below...'. The school handle '@HeyfordParkFreeSchool' is displayed in a large, blue rounded rectangle. Below the handle, it states 'The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.' and provides buttons for 'GET IT ON the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google play'. A row of five colored dots (orange, green, blue, red, grey) is positioned below the buttons. The section 'What is Parent Hub?' includes an illustration of three children and a text box explaining that the app is free and provides updates on school activities. The 'Instructions for Parents' section includes a small ParentHub icon and a three-step list: 1. Download the app from the app store, 2. Create an account, and 3. Choose 'Add a School' and enter the handle. At the bottom, it says 'Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more'.

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GCSE summer 2019 exam calendar

Date	Sess	Start Time	Room	Board	Level	Component
Mon 13 May	AM	09:00	1h 30m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8520/1 COMPUTER SCIENCE PAPER 1
Tue 14 May	PM	1:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/B/1F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY BIOLOGY P1F
Tue 14 May	PM	1:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/B/1H COMBINED SCI TRILOGY BIOLOGY P1H
Wed 15 May	AM	09:00	1h 45m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1PE0 01 FITNESS AND BODY SYSTEMS
Wed 15 May	PM	1:00	1h 45m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8702/1 ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 1
Thu 16 May	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/C/1F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY CHEMISTRY P1F
Thu 16 May	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/C/1H COMBINED SCI TRILOGY CHEMISTRY P1H
Thu 16 May	PM	1:00	1h 30m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8520/2 COMPUTER SCIENCE PAPER 2
Fri 17 May	PM	1:00	1h 15m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1PE0 02 HEALTH AND PERFORMANCE
Tue 21 May	AM	09:00	1h 30m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1MA1 1F NON CALCULATOR (F)
Tue 21 May	AM	09:00	1h 30m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1MA1 1H NON CALCULATOR (H)
Tue 21 May	PM	1:00	1h 30m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8035/1 GEOGRAPHY PAPER 1
Wed 22 May	AM	09:00	0h 35m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/LF SPANISH LISTENING TEST TIER F
Wed 22 May	AM	09:00	0h 45m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/LH SPANISH LISTENING TEST TIER H
Wed 22 May	AM	09:00	0h 45m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/RF SPANISH READING TEST TIER F
Wed 22 May	AM	09:00	1h 00m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/RH SPANISH READING TEST TIER H
Wed 22 May	PM	1:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/P/1F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY PHYSICS P1F
Wed 22 May	PM	1:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/P/1H COMBINED SCI TRILOGY PHYSICS P1H
Thu 23 May	AM	09:00	2h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8702/2 ENGLISH LITERATURE PAPER 2
Mon 03 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 15m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1HI0 11 MEDICINE IN BRITAIN
Tue 04 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 45m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8700/1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1
Wed 05 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 00m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/WF SPANISH WRITING TEST TIER F
Wed 05 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8698/WH SPANISH WRITING TEST TIER H
Wed 05 Jun	PM	1:00	1h 30m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8035/2 GEOGRAPHY PAPER 2
Thu 06 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 30m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1MA1 2F CALCULATOR (F)
Thu 06 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 30m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1MA1 2H CALCULATOR (H)
Thu 06 Jun	PM	1:00		EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1HI0 B4 EARLY ELIZABETHAN
Thu 06 Jun	PM	1:00		EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1HI0 P4 SUPERPOWER RELATIONS
Thu 06 Jun	PM	1:00	1h 45m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1HI0 2R SUPERPOWER,ELIZABETHAN
Fri 07 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 45m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8700/2 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
Fri 07 Jun	PM	1:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/B/2F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY BIOLOGY P2F
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Tue 11 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 30m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1MA1 3F CALCULATOR (F)
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Tue 11 Jun	PM	1:00	1h 20m	EDEXCEL G	GCSE/ FC	1HI0 31 WEIMAR & NAZI GERMANY
Wed 12 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/C/2F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY CHEMISTRY P2F
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Thu 13 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ FC	8035/3 GEOGRAPHY PAPER 3
Fri 14 Jun	AM	09:00	1h 15m	AQA	GCSE/ DA	8464/P/2F COMBINED SCI TRILOGY PHYSICS P2F
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Contingency day for GCSE exams, 26th June 2019, should sustained national or local disruption arise during the June 2019 series. Students will need to be available until this date.