

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 15th March 2019

Issue 24

Message from the Principal

“There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

Today, Friday, has seen everyone not just in school but across the country come together to raise money for those in need both here and across the world. Comic relief over the years has been a vehicle for changing lives and in some places saving lives. This year we joined this with supporting our community's attempt to avoid one use plastic with painted on noses. We thank all our parents and students who have supported comic relief.

In secondary we celebrated the character virtue of GENEROSITY and considered the research around kindness begets kindness. We see every day acts of kindness every day in school from adults and children. These acts are varied including holding doors open for others, smiling at others, thanking others as well as giving and seeking help for someone in need of help. However, we also see acts that are not kind or generous. We are a school and know that children are not yet adults. Part of our role alongside that of families is to help develop our students' positive behaviours to contribute to their community and society to enrich not only their own lives but the lives of others. We all know that we learn not only by watching and copying positive role models but by reflecting on our mistakes and changing future behaviour.

We launched R3s this week. Our staff wanted to recognise positivity publically. An R3 means we can award an e-postcard which will be emailed home. Our first recognition e-postcards were sent this week. Thank-you for those children who have been back and spoken to the staff they have received them from and thank you to Nancy who this week put post its on staff doors thanking them.

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

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!) and share with you GCSE Pod, Maths Watch and the Maths APP to name but a few.

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:

Use your question level analysis and feedback from your mock exams to review your revision timetable – are you focusing on the areas you were not secure on?

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 11th March 2019 is Week 1 on the Secondary Timetable

March

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

News from the Maths Department

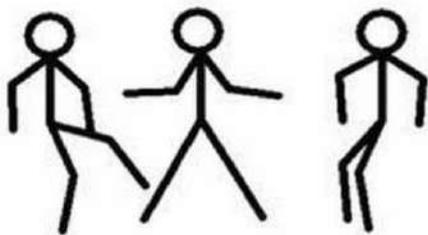
Secondary students - *Mathswatch*

Hopefully your secondary students will have logged into MathsWatch by now; this is an excellent resource that will help students if they are stuck and provides thousands of questions for revision practice. If students have problems accessing the site, they should speak to their maths teacher.

Year 11 – *88 days, 33 lessons*

On the day that this newsletter comes out, Y11 students have 88 days and 33 lessons before the first paper on Tuesday 11th May. In class, their teachers will be talking about revision strategies and exam technique; research shows that the best strategy is “a little and often” -- lots of repeated practice over time, rather than big chunks one topic at a time.

Puzzle for chocolate



Anne is looking at Bob, but Bob is looking at Charlie.

Anne is married, but Charlie is not.

Is a married person looking at an unmarried person?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No
- (C) You can't tell

First three students to e-mail Mr Ireland with a correct explanation win chocolate.

Direland@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.86 %

Primary Attendance = 96.76%

Secondary Attendance = 95.09%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

***** SCHOOL DISCO*****

Thursday 28th March

Officers Mess Ballroom

Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2: 4.30 - 5.30 - Years 3
- 6: 5.45 - 6.45 - Secondary: 7.00 - 8.30

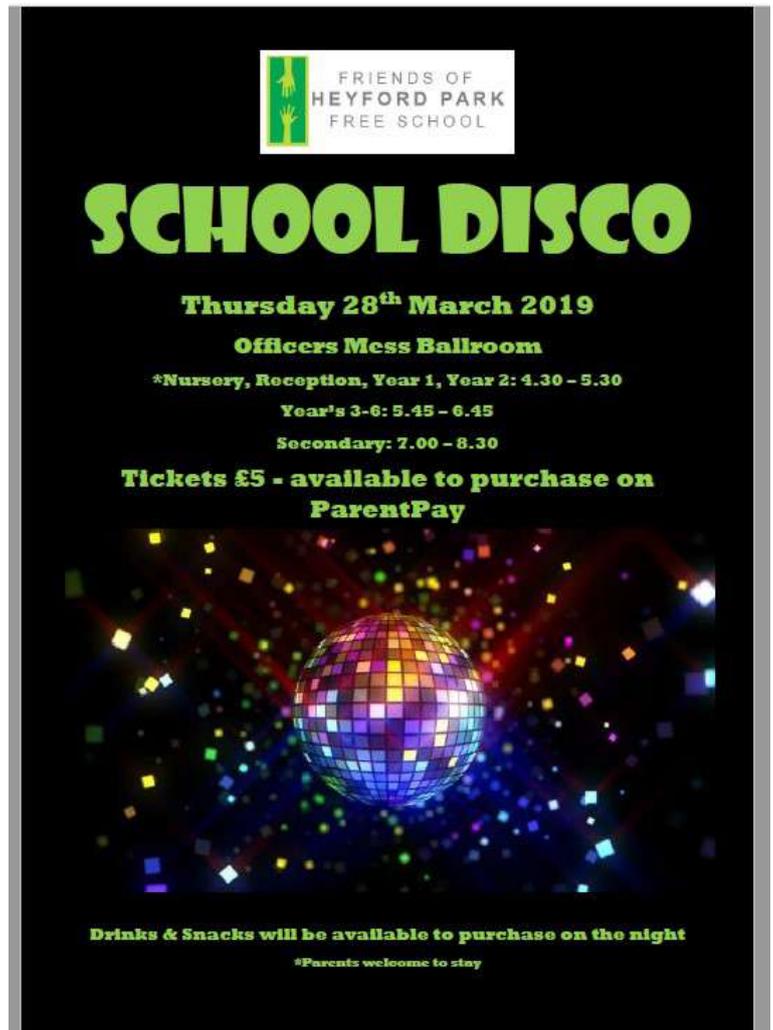
Tickets £5 available to buy on ParentPay

Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase

You are welcome to stay and accompany your child

Mrs K. Akkerman

Clerk to Board of Trustees



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** in Miss Baines room at the SC.

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

Friday 6th - Saturday 7th September 2019

Friday 20th - Saturday 21st September 2019

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

Options Taster Week 18th March 2019

<u>Day/Lesson</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday 18th					8R-Art	8R- Sports Science
Tuesday 19th	8U – Business Studies		8R - Spanish			8U – Music/ Performing Arts
Wednesday 20th			8R – Business Studies		8R – Geography 8U - ICT/Media	8U – Spanish
Thursday 21st	8R – Music/ Performing Arts	8U – Art 8R – ICT/ Media	8U – Sports Science	8U – Geography		
Friday 22nd			8U – History	8R - History		

Changes to target grades

Snapshot reports came home this week for assessment point 3. These show the most recent progress being made by your children in their subjects, based on assessments from last half term. Many of you will have noticed that target grades have changed for some students in years 9 to 11, but please don't panic – we are not lowering our expectations of what our learners can achieve.

Like the vast majority of schools, we use KS2 data to set targets for all of our students. We use a robust model that is based on average levels of progress made nationally by students; the national progress, or 'expected' target is a measure of the average level at which we expect students to achieve by the end of the year, if they are to remain on-track to make the same amount of progress as a 'national average' student by the time they reach the end of year 11. Of course, we would expect students to exceed their target in some subjects, and perhaps fall slightly short in others based on their individual strengths and interests.

We also set students an aspirational, or 'excellence' target. This is set higher than national average progress levels, and represents the level that students should strive for in the subjects in which they are strongest; this excellence target was displayed on previous reports. We have now switched to displaying the expected target, as this is a fairer measure of the average progress we expect most students to make. The targets displayed on reports are the level at which we expect students to achieve by the end of the current academic year.

Mr Mackenzie

Spanish News

Please be aware that students studying GCSE Spanish have their Spanish GCSE speaking exam the week beginning 1st April. This is their real GCSE and not a mock. Students will be given a timetable with details of what time they are to arrive for preparation and the timing of their actual exam.

Mrs Cochrane

New ParentHub App for Parents

ParentHub is now up and running. If you have not downloaded the App yet, please do so as this will be the last time the newsletter is sent out via email. It will be available on the school website if you do not have the app.

Many thanks

The School Office Team



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would like you to join their channel on Parent Hub.

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