

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

Friday 29th March 2019

Issue 26

Message from the Principal

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members. (Coretta Scott King)

This week we have made a change to security on our site. As a young school that is growing in a community that is constantly growing it is important that we are responsive and adaptive.

We did have a boy who does not go to our school come on site at the end of break at the Specialisms to try to go to a lesson. He was intercepted by our staff before he got there. However, our students will no longer be using the front doors at the Specialisms site but will need to go through our gate and side door. The front door will be fobbed, like the inner door, and entry will be for staff and visitors only.

We will also no longer be using this area for students to sit in and the smaller space in the Sports Hall will be used instead. This space will be used for lunches unless exams are happening. The students' tutors have gone through this with them. It is important that everyone does their part in looking after each other.

Last week we spoke in assembly to our students about being aware of the community they are walking through. Whilst we do allow them to go to the shop, they should return to Camp Road to continue walking to either site. We talked to them about recognising that there will be people trying to sleep who work nights, families with babies and those that are ill. Teenagers often are unaware of how loud they are as they are oblivious to others. It is our job as their teachers and their parents to help them develop empathy and respect for the needs of others. For the vast majority, a conversation that supports them understanding what they have done from someone else's perspective is all that is needed to begin to help them have more mature behaviours. However, for small minority this is more of a challenge as they find accepting responsibility for their actions difficult. This is part of growing up and we appreciate your support when sometimes we have to, as the adults, tell them they are wrong. As I said to one girl she will look back when she is 30 and thank her Dad even though she is mad at him at the moment!

We also want to thank all those members of the community who look out for our children and make sure that they are always behaving as they should. The benefit of a small school is we know our children. Some small description usually means we know who we need to be talking to!

PC Newman works with all the schools in Bicester and Banbury. He is now offering clinics to all school students and he will come into school. The aim is to help students know the law or know how the police can help. He did his first clinic with us this Wednesday. However, he has done lots of assemblies for us supporting our personal and social development programme.

Next Wednesday our rewards trips will take place for all years. Those students who meet the criteria in relation to their day to day behaviour and attendance will be either taking part in a cinema day, visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park or experiencing Cadbury's World.

On Thursday 4th April **Year 7** Parents subject meetings will take place. You have received on Thursday the letter detailing how you book your appointments. All students will finish at 2pm with Year 7 subject meetings starting at 2.30pm at the Officers Mess.

Thank-you to those parents who attended the **Year 8** Option Evening. We hope you found it useful to speak with staff. As we explained it is important that at this point students have a balanced curriculum, choose what they enjoy and consider getting a balance of examination and portfolio courses that best suit them as a learner. Those who wish to achieve the English Baccalaureate must have in their combination, English, mathematics, science, history or geography and Spanish.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 1st April
2019 is Week 2 on the Secondary
Timetable

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

May

06.05.19—May Day Bank Holiday
08.05.19—Parent Voice Drop In
2pm & 6pm @ the OM
23.05.19—Year 9 Parents Evening
2.30-6.30pm (TBC)
27.05.19—Bank Holiday
28.05.19-31.05.19—Half Term

June

17.06.19-21.06.19—A-Level/Year
9 Mock Week
24.06.19-28.06.19—Year 7/8
Summer Exams

July

03.07.19—Stars
05.07.19—Secondary Sports Day
(TBC)
06.07.19—Summer Fete
08.07.19-12.07.19—Challenge
Day and Year 10 Work Experience
Week
17.07.19—Awards Evening
19.07.19—School Finishes for
Summer

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

Please direct any enquiries to
office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

On Friday 5th April we will be finishing for the term. It is once again time to see which House has won the House Cup. Last term Lindh were the champions. Every individual's attendance, house points, behaviour points and other contributions to community and charity events will make a difference.

Over Easter Revision School will be on for **Year 11**. Please support your child and their teachers by ensuring they attend. Sometimes they will tell you they will revise on their own – but this has been designed to address the weaknesses we saw in their mocks and help them address these with the support of the teacher.

Easter and half term revision timetable

EASTER WEEK 1	Subject	Staff	Timings	Where
Mon 8 th April	Bio / Phys	IMC	9:00 – 15:45	SB.09
Tue 9 th April	Chem	KOR	9:00 – 12:00	SB.09
	Geography	PBA	13:00 – 15:45	TB.16
Wed 10 th April	Eng. Lit	SGI	8.45 – 13:00	EW.01
	Computer science	NLU	12:00 – 15:45	CS room (SC)
Thur 11 th April	Eng. Lang	CMA	8:45 – 13:00	FB.01
Fri 12 th April	Maths (higher) Maths (foundation)	DIR	9:00 – 12:00 13:00 – 15:45	OM

EASTER WEEK 2	Subject	Staff	Timings	Where
Mon 15 th April	History	RRH	10:00 – 13:00	TB.22
Tue 16 th April	Media Studies	SGI	8.45 – 13:00	SC
	Maths drop-in	DIR	9:00 – 13:00	OM
Wed 17 th April	Spanish	FCO	Foundation: 10:00 – 12:30 Higher: 13:30 – 15:45	TB.21
Thur 18 th April				

The school site will close at 4:00pm, so please arrange to collect students.

Half term	Subject	Staff	Timing	Where
Tues 28 th May	Maths	CCO	9:00 – 12:00	OM
	Science	IMC	12:45 – 15:45	OM
Wed 29 th May				
Thur 30 th May				
Fri 31 st May	History	RRH	10:00 – 13:00	SC

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? Have you written topics against each revision slot? Make sure you attend Easter Revision school

Staffing Update

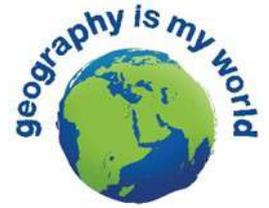
We are pleased to welcome back Ms Wallington after her maternity leave. She is returning for 3 days a week in the first instance.

Mrs Swanson will be leaving us at Easter to have her baby. I know that we all would like to thank her and wish her well and we welcome Miss Wilson to the English department who is an experienced permanent member of the team.



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



Geography

From Antarctica to Nigeria, coastal processes to tectonic processes, our Heyford Park geographers have had a busy term once again!

Our year 7 students have been spending the year reviewing different ways of revising. They have looked at mind mapping, writing and answering questions and also, reviewing and teaching the key information themselves!



An inventive way of teaching the erosion processes (not something I have ever thought of doing; so thank you year 7 for your fantastic ideas!)



Using diagrams to help explain how gorges are formed.



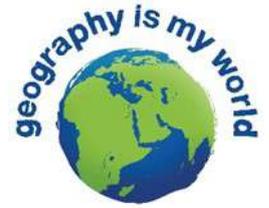
Explaining meanders: a GCSE river formation! Using diagrams and talking through the processes using key terminology.

After reviewing the student voice surveys given to geography students across all year groups, it was decided that this term's focus would be on homework. All year groups have been set various work this term: year 7 have been writing essays (using high level skills to justify whether Antarctica should be preserved as a wilderness); year 8 have been creating models of coastal areas around the UK, year 9 have been completing their own research into GCSE topics and year 10 have been answering exam questions in their ongoing attempt to create the 'perfect answer'! Well done to everyone for your continuing effort at home! Outstanding homework will be put on display outside of the geography classroom to inspire all other students. Also, an R3 will be sent home to all students whose work is put on display!



Humanities Update!

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Student shout-outs!

Year 7: Reece Green and Django La Porte – For showing an outstanding attitude to learning in all of your geography lessons by contributing answers and assisting other students in their learning.

Year 8: Kyle Hite – For being extremely focused in all of your geography lessons and assisting other students in their learning.

Year 9: Connor Drummey and Susie Dolan – For contributing well to your geography lessons and developing your understanding of the new GCSE information.

Year 10: Hailey Chan – For using the information you are given in order to help develop your exam answers thoroughly.

Year 11: Seb Tredwell – For focusing on developing your exam answers ready for your final exams!

Year 11

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

As usual, keep up the enthusiasm!

Miss Baines and Miss Wright

History

Although this term has seemed so short, we have been working hard in History on a variety of different topics and students have been producing some fantastic homework in Years 7-9 for their takeaway tasks.

In Year 7 we are studying the Tudors and I have been very impressed by how well students have been using sources to support their opinions, especially regarding the mystery of the Princes in the Tower.

Year 8 have been looking at the 'discovery of the New World' in 1492 and how the Spanish conquered and colonised South America.

Year 9 have been looking at the Second World War: causes, key battles and the impact on civilians, this will be covered again in Year 10 as part of the examined Warfare through time topic. Students will be sitting their end of unit assessment next week on the atomic bomb before starting the first of the examined topics in the Cold War.

Year 10 have been studying Weimar Germany and the early Nazi Party, we will shortly be moving onto the rise of the Nazis and Hitler's consolidation of power.

Finally, Year 11 have now completed their mocks and all lesson time is now focused solely on revision for the final exams. **Remember, History after school revision takes place on Tuesday and Thursday in TB.22 and that there are multiple revision materials on SMH!**

To conclude, some examples of the fantastic Year 8 homework received





YPRES 2019



On the 22nd March some GCSE History students along with some Year 12s had the fantastic opportunity to visit Ypres in Belgium. Firstly, I would like to thank all the students to attended this trip for their fantastic behaviour throughout the day, especially given the very early start!

The purpose of the visit was to enable students to be able to see with their own eyes key features and places involved the method of dealing with the huge numbers of British casualties on the Western Front of the First World War in order to support the Year 10s and 11s with the historic environment component of their Paper 1 exam.

Throughout the day we visited the Bayernwald trench system, Hill 60, the Railway Dugouts Burial Ground (Transport Farm) which is a former Advanced Dressing Station, the Memorial Museum in Passchendaele and the Lijssehoek CWGC Cemetery, where we were able to take part in an act of remembrance at the grave of Gunner C Lovell from Kidlington who died on 1st April 1917 aged 22. We were lucky to have Beth and Gary, our fantastic tour guides with us who provided detailed descriptions of the key areas, battles and phases, as well as having a variety of props and replicas to demonstrate to students.

I hope that the students found the trip to be useful and informative and that it will benefit Year 11 in particular going into their GCSE exams in a few months.

Again, thank you to all the staff and students who took part in the trip and I look forward to running something similar in future. I would particularly like to thank the 'willing volunteers' who took part in the dressing up elements of the talks.

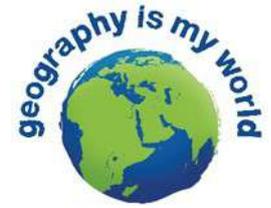
Mrs Rhymes





Humanities Update!

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Star History Students

As always we have had some fantastic effort and work being produced in History this term, however the students below have been particularly excellent.

Year 7: Rhys Lewis and Sophie Cox—Both have been working so hard in history this term and making some great progress in the Tudors topic.

Year 8: Elena Petrov and Issac Saint—These current History ambassadors have been working very hard with the other ambassadors in our 'Historical Egg Character' Competition (look out for posters around school!).

Year 9: Natalia Cox and Maisy Ball—These ladies have been working very hard in lessons and producing high quality work in every lesson.

Year 10: Bella Romain and Yasmin Saint—It was very hard to choose just two year 10 students as the whole class have been fabulous this term, however both of these ladies have been producing high quality answers regularly in lessons.

Year 11: Sebastian Tredwell and Phyllie Dolan—in different ways, both students have been working hard and making great progress.

Spanish

Spanish GCSE Speaking Exams are being held on 1st and 2nd April at the SC.

Spanish and Latin American Culture Competition will be held in Tutor Time between 1-5 April in the form of a Kahoot. Don't forget to bring your phones!

A big thank you to the Spanish Ambassadors for organising the Spanish and Latin American Culture Quiz

Student shout outs!

Year 11: Sebastian Tredwell, Lily Butler, Harleigh Piggott and Phyllie Dolan for their commitment, effort and progress

Year 10: Charlotte Hiles and Nathan Wan

Year 9: Nancy Belle La Porte and Alex Smith

Year 8: Sami Singer and Chi Ling Lee

Year 7: Sophie Cox, Leo Smith, Maksim Kazakov and Abigail Ward for their enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning

History Easter Egg Contest!!!

What is it?

The history Easter egg contest is a competition run by the history department.

How to enter?

To enter you have to hard-boil an egg and draw/decorate a historical character on it (according to the categories). There are many prizes to be won.

History Categories:

WW1 AND WW2

GREEKS/ROMANS

MEDICINE THROUGH TIME

FRENCH/INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

TITANIC

TUDOR/STUARTS

MIDDLE AGES

Rules

1. it has to be a historical figure!- If you do anything else , you will be **DISQUALIFIED!**
2. The egg has to be hard-boiled! -if it isn't hard boiled , you will be **DISQUALIFIED!**
3. No parental or group support!- If you do this , you will be **DISQUALIFIED!**
4. You cannot win twice.
5. You have to do a historical egg before marvel bonus egg.- if you do a marvel egg but not a historical egg , you will be **DISQUALIFIED!**

Prizes!!

There are many cool prizes to be won if you win. Anyone could win, if you are in secondary. 3 People from each key-stage will win 1st, 2nd and 3rd, but there will also be an overall winner. There will be:

Big egg for overall winner

House points

Smaller eggs

A large egg-1st place (key-stage)

Small egg- 2nd place (key-stage)

Mini eggs- 3rd place (key-stage)



Bonus marvel round

This is the bonus marvel round . If you do a historical egg , you could also enter the marvel round. You could do another **HARD-BOILED** egg, but this time you can draw a marvel character on an egg. Any DC eggs will be **DISQUALIFIED!**



CONTEST CLOSING DATE:

Thursday 25th April

Eggs need to be handed in to the humanities office

Information from the Site Team

From the 8th April a section of Camp Road will be closed from just passed the entrance to Heyford House and the parent parking at the rear of the school to just before the turning for Dow Street. The closure should only last for two weeks. Any staff or students attending the Officers Mess during the holidays can access the site from the Bicester direction.

The Specialisms Campus cannot be accessed from the Bicester direction and can be either through the housing estate down Wellington Road or via the B4030 through Caulcott to Lower Heyford. Anyone travelling from the Lower Heyford direction will have to use the B4030 through Caulcott to attend the Officers Mess.

Map enclosed as a separate attachment.

News from the Kitchen

Lunch Menu Change for Secondary Pupils on the SC Site starting Monday 1st April 2019

Week 1:

Tuesday: Chicken Curry and Rice will be replaced with Chicken Curry and Jacket Potato

Week 3:

Monday: BBQ Chicken and Rice will be replaced with BBQ Chicken and Jacket Potato

Tuesday: Quorn Keema Curry and Rice will be replaced with Quorn Keema Carry and Jacket Potato

Thursday: Turkey Meatballs with Tomato Sauce and Noodles will be replaced with Turkey Meatballs with Tomato Sauce and Jacket Potato.

We will continue to serve all other meals from the main menu, along with Sandwiches/Baguettes/Pasta Pots and additional items.

Sports News

Year 7 Boys School Games Cross country- Tuesday 2nd April

Meet at the SC at 11:45.

Please check the board for details

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.78%

Primary Attendance = 96.69%

Secondary Attendance = 95.01%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

Comic Relief Update

The School Raised a total of **£458.20** for comic relief. Thank you everyone that donated.

