

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

On Tuesday, this week we held a transition evening for new Year 7s joining us in who have not attended our Year 6. Thank-you to all the parents who came as this was very well attended. Miss Wallington the senior member of staff in charge of student welfare went through our expectations and how the secondary phase is different to primary. The heads of house announced who was joining their house and celebrated the origins and values of their house.

Next week on **Friday 28th June** we will be holding a non-uniform day. In secondary you need to bring a bottle (non alcoholic please). This could be a bottle of shampoo or a bottle filled with sweets for example. All students will receive 10 points for their house if they bring their bottle and this goes towards the house cup at the end of the year. This could decide the winner! For students who find it impossible to bring a bottle for charity, they can bring a £1 but will not receive the 10 points towards the House cup.

On Wednesday night, we held our first **Parent Conference**. This was an opportunity for myself and Trustees to revisit our school's journey but, more importantly, gather parents' views on the plans for the journey for the school going forward. Whilst only a few parents attended this was extremely useful for me as the Principal and senior staff as well as trustees in shaping our thinking for the next 3 years. We do intend to revisit this in September when it may be easier for other parents to join us as well as engage with new parents joining our school so their views are heard.

We revisited the school vision that was established when the school was formed. For us in school in the last two years this has been important in shaping what we do as we are trying to make this a reality.

However, on Wednesday night we agreed next steps would be:

- Revisit the school vision to extend the principle of citizenship to include explicitly global citizenship
- Establish as part of each event and new enrolment a form for gathering family expertise and networks to get a picture of our community shared expertise to build our national curriculum plus journey with school.
- Look at our HPFS National Curriculum Roadmap and build in specialist experiences in primary— example was ceramics and use of kiln.
- Establish SOS (support or Students) Wish-list through a channel on parent hub
- School to revisit vision based on feedback

Well done **Year 9 and 12** you have got through your mocks! All of you will have reflections on what went well and what needs to be different next time. This is normal. Those students who have not achieved what is expected will be expected to resit in **Year 12** and in **Year 9** will be expected to improve their mark following feedback on target areas.

We will be publishing an End of Year report this year that includes overall End of Year grade based on all assessments of the course studied so far plus their mock percentage for **Year 7 – 9** and **Year 12**

Year 7 and 8 examinations begin week commencing 24th June. The English department before half term led a session with all students on revision strategies. We hope students have been able to try these out. If they do not have an examination they are in normal lessons. Students need basic equipment including black pens, ruler, pencil, rubber, scientific calculator and mathematics equipment. All equipment must be in a clear pencil case or plastic bag. Students can have water but must ensure the bottle has no graphics on it. They need to remember all phones need to be switched off and not in a pocket – put in bag or phone pockets in hall. A phone going off is malpractice and a GCSE or A level examination would lead to disqualification. If we suspect somebody has a phone we have to report it to the exam board.

Mock examination, like assessments are important as they allow students to experience the routines and rules of examinations and preparation for examinations. They are also important in that they help both students and us as a school to know where we need to focus to secure learning. Therefore, it is important that we do our best but it is "OK" if mistakes are made trying to do this. It is these mistakes that will be the focus of both the students and teachers when planning learning to secure improvement.

Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

Week Commencing 24th June
2019 is Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable

June

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

16.07.19—Reward Day

17.07.19—Awards Evening

18.07.19—A Midsummer Nights
Dream

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

Website:

You will remember following our Parent Drop in earlier in the year that we looked at communication and particularly how we can redevelop the website. We have now commissioned the company to work on this and work has started ready for September. Thank-you to those of you the have offered to be in our virtual group developing this.

Revision Tip of the Week:

Update your revision timetable and focus in on topics you are least secure on.

Brainstorm on a focused topic all you know – this is building information into your long-term memory.

Use questions and time yourself and then mark it using a mark scheme. Rewrite with your improvements

News from the Maths Department

Year 11 - GCSEs done!

Year 11 have finally finished their GCSEs (hooray!) and I would like to say how impressed I was at the hard work and perseverance of so many of them as they prepared for maths exams. I would like to publicly thank Ms Conway and Ms Ashley for going above and beyond with their students in the final stretch.

Puzzle for Chocolate

Fill the blanks in the following equation, so that it makes sense:

$$10 \ 9 \ 8 \ 7 \ 6 \ 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 = 2019$$

You are allowed to use any of the basic mathematical operations, +, −, ×, ÷, and as many brackets as you like. An answer might look something like

$$(10 - 9 + 8) \times (7 - 6 - 5) / (4 + 3 + 2 + 1) = 2019,$$

but not this one since the equation is incorrect!

The best three answers win a chocolate prize.

Mr Ireland



Information for Head Boy and Girl is attached to this newsletter.



News from the School Office

Year 7 & 10 Individual School Photos

Year 7 to 10 will have their individual photos taken on **Tuesday 2nd July** by our school photographers - Wrates. If you do not wish for your son or daughter to have their photo taken on this day, please email the school office: office@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

School Ties

We now have school ties available to purchase from the office in the following sizes:

Heyford Park Junior clip on tie 17.5"	£8.00
Heyford Park Junior clip in tie 12.5"	£7.00
Heyford Park Senior Tie	£7.00

All house colours are available. If you wish to purchase a tie please send in the money in an envelope, with their name, tie type and house on the front to the main school office.

Reminder for Drop Off

Please can we remind parents that they **must not** drop children at the front of the Officer's Mess main school gates, nor can you use this entrance to turn round in. There have been two incidents within the last week, which could have resulted in very serious accidents.

Please can we remind parents to reduce their speed when entering onto either of the school sites and school drop off areas, as children will be crossing roads. We thank you for your support and cooperation in making our school safe for all.

PE News

Monday 24th June- Year 7 Aquathon at Sibford School- leave at 1pm return at 4:30pm.

Tuesday 25th June- Year 8 Rounders Tournament @ BGN. Pick up HPFS 5:50pm

Thursday 27th June- Year 7 Athletics @North Oxfordshire Academy. Pick up HPFS- 6:15pm

Please check fixtures board for details.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.26% Primary Attendance = 96.45% Secondary Attendance = 94.27%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!



Heyford Park Free School Race for Life - **Tuesday 9th July @ The Specialism Campus 2:00pm**

All parents/careers are welcome to join in or support. Sponsorship forms available in the office from Wednesday 19th June. (Or available to download from <https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/schools>)

Year 7/8 mock exam timetable

	Session 1 8:15am		Session 2 11:00am		Session 3 2:00pm		
	P1/P2	Rooms P2	P3/P4	Rooms P4	P5	P6	Rooms P6
Monday 24th June	No exam		English 1hr45	Yr 7 - 7RP SH03 Yr 7 - 7UMATB06 Yr 8 - 8REN TB21 Yr 8 - 8UMATB20	Maths 1hr		Yr 7 - 7UHI TB19 Yr 7 - 7RSP TB21 Yr 8 - 8UGG - TB16 Yr 8 - 8RCPE - TB20 or outside
Tuesday 25th June	No exam		Science 1hr	Yr 7 - 7RMA TB06 Yr 7 - 7USC TB20 Yr 8 - 8RCPE SH02 Yr 8 - 8UCPE SH01	History 1hr		Yr 7 - 7RCPE SH01 Yr 7 - 7UCPE SH02 Yr 8 - 8RHI TB22 Yr 8 - 8UPASH03
Wednesday 26th June	Geography 1 hr	Yr 7 - 7UGG TB16 Yr 7 - 7RHI TB22 Yr 8 - 8RMA TB21 Yr 8 - 8USC TB20	Spanish reading/writing - 1hr 15mins	Yr 7 - 7RCPE SH02 Yr 7 - 7UCPE SH01 Yr 8 - 8REN TB20 Yr 8 - 8UEN TB19	No exam		

GCSE History Berlin Residential – 25th -27th August 2020

The History Department is aiming to run the Berlin Residential again for GCSE History students during the 2020 summer school. The trip is open to the current Year 9 History students and the current Year 8 students who have chosen History as one of their GCSE options. A letter has been emailed to parents this week. There is a 35 place limit on this trip and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Any questions about this trip, please email Mrs Rhymes at rhymes@heyfordparkfreeschool.org

NEWS FROM FRIENDS

SCHOOL FETE – SATURDAY 6TH JULY

This year's School fete will be on Saturday 6th July. There will be a second hand uniform stall selling school branded clothes and good quality school uniform items. If you have any uniform that has been outgrown or no longer required, please send it in to school for the stall.

We are also looking for soft toys for our popular tombola stall, if you have any that need a new home, please send these in too.

Thank you for your support

FoHPFS

On Sunday a number of pupils took part in the Heyford Air Base Race to raise money for the outdoor area at our school. I am delighted to let you know that our amazing runners raised a massive £770

Our Justgiving page will remain open until Friday 28th June for anyone that would like to make a donation.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofheyfordparkfreeschoolsponsoredrace?utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=20190619_114718

Thank you to all those that ran and congratulations to those that won a medal!