

HPFS Whole School Bulletin

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Message from the Principal

This week has been a packed one across the whole school with Rising Stars on Tuesday, Stars Wednesday, Year 11 Prom and Primary Sports Day, Thursday, Secondary Sports Day Friday and Summer Fete Saturday.

Rising Stars on Tuesday left everyone in the audience awe struck at the talent in our students. Rising Stars was led on by the Performing Arts Subject Ambassadors. This year all our subject Ambassadors have led on a project that they have designed for others in the school. The Performing Arts Ambassadors introduced Rising Stars, they marketed it, auditioned all the entrants, organised ticket sales, created the programme and rehearsed with the students. Our primary performers delighted the audience with their performances of dance, music and magic. Those in the audience realised that given the opportunity and the encouragement to take the risk, our students can fly!

On Wednesday Stars was performed by our secondary students. As an audience, not only were we privileged to watch performances that drew you in with their technical ability and passion but we saw a team of students, parents and staff working together to create a very special evening and a lasting memory for all who were involved.

At the time of writing we still have Prom, Sports Days and Fete to come!

Next week in secondary is Challenge Week. Later in the newsletter you will find the arrangements from each of the teams. As part of Challenge Week the whole school (primary and secondary) will be taking part in Race for Life on Tuesday at the Specialisms. Race for Life supports Cancer Research and, as a school, we have been committed to raising money for this. Our highest amount is nearly £5K – can we beat that this year? Everyone contributing their little bit makes this achievable. It is through the work of Cancer Research that we have seen a significant rise in the numbers of people surviving cancer although sadly their work is not yet finished. This is why it is such an important charity as we want to support their goals in eliminating deaths from cancer.

Please come along to the Summer Fete. We are very grateful for all the support The Friends parent group gives organising this for our school community.



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Dates for your diary
(Subject to change)

**Week Commencing 8th July 2019
is Week 1 on the Secondary
Timetable**

July

05.07.19—Secondary Sports Day

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

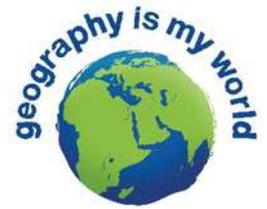
*Please continue to refer to the
School Website calendar for
regular updates.*

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



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



GEOGRAPHY

On Tuesday 11th June, our year 10 geography students embarked on their fieldwork to Christchurch Bay. The weather looked to be very grey and dismal with rain showers all the way there. However, on arrival, just by pure geography luck: the sun came out! And in fact, stayed out all day long! Our geography students took part in gathering data to find out about coastal processes and management at three different locations. They worked extremely well in their small groups and demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication and delegation skills. This was rewarded with time given over for ice cream and chips at the end of the day!

Part of the investigation also included interviewing members of the public (a daunting task for anyone, never mind a year 10 student). However, we did have some students who took on this challenge and it was fantastic to see them grow in confidence talking to different people as well as getting reliable and important data.

I was incredibly proud of all our students for showing themselves to be excellent ambassadors for our school. One member of the public even came over to speak to me personally to say that she felt our students were extremely polite and well behaved. She also said it was good to see students out and about engaging with real world environments. What geography is all about!

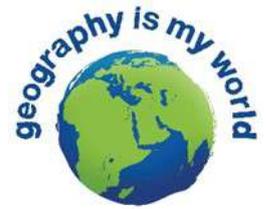
Well done again to everyone who came on the trip!





Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



Student shout outs!

Year 7: Riccardo Sozzi – For revising really hard for your end of year exam and demonstrating how hard work can pay off.

Year 8: Georgina Reeves – For working really hard on your individual geography fieldwork investigation.

Year 9: Kelis Byfield – For really focussing well in geography this term.

Year 10: Harry Strong and Zach Singer – For demonstrating determination when it came to completing questionnaires.

Iceland trip!

A reminder that I need all passport information ASAP. We will have another parents' meeting at the start of next term.

Well done to all of our Heyford Park geographers. You have all worked extremely hard this year, covering a range of topics and demonstrating a real interest in the world around you. Enjoy your summer break and, if you are lucky enough to escape somewhere else, please bring us back a postcard for our display!

Miss Baines and Miss Wright

HISTORY

Student shout outs!

Year 7: Jack Scrivens, Django La Porte, Reece Green, Rhys Lewis and Annabel Charlesworth. Fantastic effort in lessons all year.

Year 8: Elena Petrova, Isaac Saint, Freddie Daniels, David Shellard, Troy Moore, Bethany Evans and Chi Ling Lee. For consistent hard work and enthusiasm.

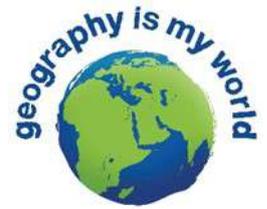
Year 9: Thomas Frost, Natalia Cox, Oliver Cater and Chris Weston. For consistent hard work and enthusiasm in lessons and for often seeing the funnier side of Cold War events.

Year 10: Very difficult to choose only a few, as the whole group has been fantastic all year! Joe Ottaway, Yasmin Saint, Bella Romain, Kacper Cibinski, Will Morgan, Will Mansfield, George Weston, Lucy Palmer, Nicola Bishop and Harry Winters. For being wonderful, enthusiastic and hard working all year. I am looking forward to teaching you all as Year 11s from September.



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



We have had a very busy year both in and out of History lessons since September.

I have been so proud of how all HPFS students have worked so hard in lessons and produced some truly outstanding homework pieces; I will never stop being amazed at the level of creativity displayed by students across all years. A huge thank you for the students who entered the Historical Egg Competition.



We have also been fortunate enough to go on some amazing trips this year, starting with the Berlin Residential in the 2018 Summer school, to the 1-Day battlefields visit to Ypres in March. These were fantastic experiences for both staff and students and HPFS students impressed so much with their fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm for the duration of these trips. I am very much looking forward to running similar visits and many others over the next academic Year.

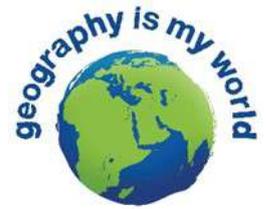


REMINDER to Year 8 and 9 GCSE students that ParentPay is open for deposits for the Berlin Residential for Summer School 2020. Any questions please email Mrs Rhymes on rrhymes@heyfordparkfreeschool.org
In addition, if you have any suggestions for Key Stage 3 History trips please feel free to email.



Humanities Update!

History, Geography and Spanish



Throughout the year the humanities department have given students the opportunity to feedback on their experience in Humanities lessons through student voice questionnaires. While it was fantastic to hear that the vast majority of students really enjoy the humanities subjects and their lessons, there were some areas which students have highlighted some topics that they do not enjoy as much as others.

With this in mind, I have made some changes to the topics offered as part of the History GCSE, switching from the Medicine in Britain topic to Warfare in Britain unit. I have also started to look at additional trips and visits that we can include across all key stages to help enhance HPFS students' experience and enjoyment of History.

I would also like to welcome Miss Wright to the Faculty who will be joining us as a Teacher of Humanities from September.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of my History Ambassadors this year; Bella, George, Michal, Natalia, Elena and Isaac.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Mrs Rhymes

Director of Learning for Humanities and Languages

Spanish News

A big welcome to Señora Colell who has recently joined us in the Spanish Department to support our students with their speaking practice.

Year 10 Mock GCSE exam

Well done to the Year 10s who have just completed their first Spanish GCSE mock speaking exam. It was a little nerve-racking for them but they coped really well!

Spanish Ambassadors

Thank you to the Spanish Ambassadors this year for all of their hard work in organising the Spanish Culture Quiz and for supporting the department in general. ¡Muchas gracias!

A special mention goes to the following students for their outstanding contribution to Spanish this year: Sam Denison, Katerina Keeys, Hailey Chan, Bella Romain, Joe Ottaway, Connor Duggan, India Bailey, Nancy-Belle La Porte, Brouno Manellari, Millie Weaver, Conor O'Neill-Espejo, Chiling Lee, Elena Petrova, Reece Corn, Freddy Daniels, Brooke Green, Jacob Harris, Layla Newman, Hannah Al-Alani, Keeley Wickson-Foster, Bethany Evans, Murray Scott, Joshua Smith, Reece Green, Amber Thornton, Ella Raynor, Riccardo Sozzi, Kian Duggan, Angel Alsworth, Emily Palmer, Saffron Honour, Troy Lippert, Adam Akkerman, Annabel Charlesworth, Maksim Kazakov, Django La Porte, Joe McLaughlin, Ellie Smith, Xander Cameron and finally, many thanks to Milo Brooke-Little who used his amazing artistic talent to produce some Primary Spanish resources for us.

Challenge Week – 8th – 12th July 2019

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>		<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u> 8:00 – 12:45
<u>7</u>	PSHE SC	Enterprise OM	Race for Life (SC)	STEM SC	Transition Day – Lessons as normal.	Enterprise OM
<u>8</u>	Enterprise OM	STEM SC		PSHE SC		STEM SC
<u>9</u>	STEM SC	PSHE SC		Enterprise OM		PSHE SC

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	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
7	SC	SC	OM	RACE FOR LIFE - SC	SC	SC	Lessons as usual		OM	SC
8	OM	OM	SC		SC	SC			SC	SC
9	SC	SC	SC		OM	OM			SC	

Students will be in normal uniform for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

On Tuesday, students should **arrive** in their PE kit or something **PINK** ready for race for life in the afternoon.

Arrangements for Race for Life



The race for life will take place at the SC on the sports fields.

The race will begin at 1:45, the order of the race will be as follows:

- EYFS
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6
- Year 7
- Year 8
- Year 9

The races will start in the above order, there will be a couple of minutes in between the start of each race, there are 4 different courses for each age group, parents/guardians are welcome to run with their children or complete in the longest race to receive a medal themselves.

Students must take part in their PE kit or something **PINK!**

If students are injured but feel they can walk the course, they are very much welcome.

Students will walk back to the OM to catch buses. Students who have parents attending the event can be collected at the SC

All students who take part will receive a medal as will all parents/guardians who take part in the longest race will receive a medal.

Please give Sponsorship forms to the office staff on or after the event.

Thank you for your support – THIS IS BEATING CANCER!!



Challenge Week - PSHE:

Normal school uniform applies for the week.

Monday : Year 7s. Working on being safe on the internet/ 'E-Safety'. The year group have a guest Police Constable in to give a presentation on this, and will be producing their own drama piece on the topic and an online safety guidance booklet for the incoming year 6s.

Tuesday : Year 9s. Working around the topic of 'Money': What is a bank account, how do loans and mortgages work; working with colleagues from Barclays bank in 'Money' workshops.

Wednesday : Year 8s. A day all about 'Careers' - activities on careers, CVs, job applications, documentary clips, and having guest speakers in to work with them on this.

Friday : Year 9s. Careers advice and guidance for this year group with our 'Adviza' schools-link colleague, together with film clips highlighting career choices and their implications.

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

Attendance

Whole School Attendance = 95.62%

Primary Attendance = 96.40%

Secondary Attendance = 94.83%

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT!

Our School Ballroom is now up for hire for children's parties at £30 per hour through School Space, please get in touch with School Space to book



The graphic is a blue rectangular advertisement for School Space. On the left, there is a white circle containing the text 'SCHOOL SPACE' in a blue, hand-drawn font. Below this, the text 'This school is available to hire! Just contact School Space:' is written in a white, cursive font. Underneath, there are two white icons: a telephone handset and an envelope. To the right of these icons are the phone number '01865 575678' and the email address 'info@school-space.org', both in a white, sans-serif font. On the right side of the graphic, there is a circular inset photograph showing a group of children and adults sitting around a table, engaged in an activity.



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

All parents/carers 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>)