



Communication

Forthcoming events

- 12th–16th March - Assessment week for Years 7-10
- 12th-23rd March - Year 11 Mock exams
- 13th March - Parent coffee morning with Helen Mackenzie, OBE
- **14th March - The Diana Award Trust Conference – new date**
- 15th March - Year 8 Parents' evening (4:00-7:00pm)
- 19th & 20th - GCSE Art exam
- 19th World of Work Visit – Westinghouse, Springfields, Year 9 x 30 pupils
- 20th March – Outward Bound Icebreaker
- 21st March Year 10 x 30 pupils - Science Energy Trip
- 23rd-25th March - Krakow, Poland trip x 30 pupils with Mr Hyams, Mrs Marsden & Miss Fitzpatrick
- 23rd March - Easter Brunch for Year 11 pupils – details to follow
- 23rd March - Academy closes for the Easter holidays 3:10pm– all pupils return 10th April (08:40am)

• 25-day Easter Attendance Challenge

At Highfield we value the importance of attendance and recognise the direct link between good attendance and progress. As a result, we have many attendance initiatives across the academy such as attendance challenges, certificates, congratulatory letters and attendance raffles.

Each half term we run an attendance challenge, this challenges all pupils to achieve 100% attendance during specified dates. The challenge this half term is the '25 day Easter Attendance Challenge'. We have challenged all pupils to attend every school day between Monday February 19th and Friday 23rd March. Those pupils who are successful in the challenge will be invited to watch a film on the last day of term.

Year 9, 10 and 11 will be able to watch a film rated '12' and Year 7 and 8 will be able to watch a film rated 'PG'.

We are an inclusive school and wish to support and nurture all pupils. We realise that there may be exceptional circumstances that have prevented pupils from attending the Academy, in such cases please contact your child's Head of Year who will be able to liaise with you over whether this qualifies as an exceptional circumstance. Thank you for your support in raising attendance and progress.

STARs of the Week

BIG congratulations to the following pupils who are our STARs of the week: -

Year 7 – Coby, Year 8 – Maria, Year 9 – Jasmine, Year 10 – Charlie, Year 11 – Kadie

What's been happening this week in the Academy

A group of our pupils were involved with the RSC 'Macbeth' performance at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool. The technical rehearsals took place on Wednesday with a matinee and evening performance to the public on Thursday 8th March. More details and photographs will be included in the HLA Newsletter at the end of this term.



Important Notices

• **Show My Homework**

This is proving to be a really effective tool in engaging pupils with homework. However, not all pupils have logged on to use this for their homework commitments. Login details will be sent home this week with pupils who have not activated their account.

Parents who wish to take a more active role in their child's home learning can achieve this by having their own Show My Homework account. It enables parents to take a more proactive role in driving homework prioritisation and keeping tabs on homework without having to be intrusive. If you would like your login details, please contact the academy.

• **Pupil Celebration Trips – July 2018**

A letter will be coming out shortly with regards to the end of year celebration trips. Details on the letter will include cost and payment schedules via ParentPay. These trips will all take place on Friday 13th July and pupils will be able to choose which trip they would like to attend.

- Chill Factor in Manchester
- Alton Towers in Staffordshire
- Harry Potter World in Watford
- Thackray Medical Museum in Leeds

Year 11 have requested events & training days focusing on Life Skills. These will take place after the exams.

• **Reminder**

Pupils who are taken out of school during term times to go on unauthorised holidays may be subject to a fixed penalty notice. All holiday requests must be placed on the holiday form obtained from reception and returned to reception. Parents will then be notified in writing of the decision. Holiday request forms must be submitted 4 weeks prior to the holiday and will only be approved under exceptional circumstances.

• **Parent Drop-In Sessions**

Our parent drop-in sessions continue to run every Tuesday 9.00-10.00am and every Thursday 3:20-4:20pm. If you have any concerns or pupil issues pop in to the academy reception and Mrs Benson will meet you on either day between those times.