



Communication

Forthcoming events

- 19th & 20th - GCSE Art exam
- 19th – Year 11 Mock Exams all week
- 19th World of Work Visit – Westinghouse, Springfields, Year 9 (30 pupils)
- 20th KS4 Curriculum Evening for all Year 8 parents & pupils (6:00-7:30pm)
- 20th March – Outward Bound Icebreaker (1:30-3:00pm)
- 20th & 21st – PTFA selling donuts at breaktime and lunchtime
- 21st March Year 10 (30 pupils) - Science Energy Trip
- 21st March – Whole School Council Meeting Years 7-10 (pd2)
- 21st March – Race for the Line STEM project for all Year 7 run by Science Department
- 23rd-25th March - Krakow, Poland trip (30 pupils) with Mr Hyams, Mrs Marsden & Miss Fitzpatrick
- 23rd March – Non-uniform day has been cancelled and will be rearranged
- 23rd March - Easter Brunch for Year 11 pupils
- 23rd March - Academy closes for the Easter holidays 3:10pm– all pupils return 10th April (08:40am)
- 09th April – Staff INSET day
- 10th April – Academy open for all pupils (08:40am)
- 11th & 18th – English Production by Say Two Productions for Year 11
- 16th April – Outward Bound – Ullswater trip Year 9 (30 pupils)
- 17th April – Parent Coffee Morning (09:30-10:30am)
- 20th April – Trust Girls' Football Competition Years 7 & Year 8 at Manchester City Football Ground

GCSE Pods

With Easter just around the corner we wanted to bring you a super speedy usage update. In summary, it's looking splendid!

- **Total Pods watched this academic year = 3,767**
- **Total Pods watched in equivalent period (Sept to Feb) last academic year = 807**

That is more than double the usage – superb! Keep up this excellent work Year 11!

Rewards Trip – Friday 13th July

A letter will be sent home with pupils giving details of our Rewards Trip in July. Consent slips and Medical forms need to be returned as soon as possible. These trips are on a first come, first served basis.

- **25-day Easter Attendance Challenge**

We have one week left on the 25-day Easter Attendance Challenge, make sure you have full attendance!

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.

Highfield Newsletter

Look out for our Newsletter which will be out next Friday!

STARS of the Week

BIG congratulations to the following pupils who are our STARS of the week: -
Year 7 – Emme, Year 8 – Amalia, Year 9 – Elle, Year 10 – Alex, Year 11 – Ella

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.

- **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.