



# Communication

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 9th-12th July Transition week
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Mathematics Challenge Year 7 6.15pm-8.15pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> July School rewards trips
- 16<sup>th</sup> July Year 9 visit to Westinghouse
- 17<sup>th</sup> July Final Coffee Morning of the year 9.30am-10.30am
- 17th July Highfields got Talent 6.30pm-9.00pm
- 19th July School closes for the summer break 12.30pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August GCSE result day from 9.30am-12 noon

## Important Notices

#### Heads of Year

From September 2018, the Heads of Year and attached Senior Leaders will be as follows:

Year 7 – Head of Year Mr Wade – Senior Leader – Mrs Eccles

Year 8 - Head of Year Miss Dove - Senior Leader - Miss Bowie

Year 9 - Head of Year Mr Rainbow - Senior Leader - Mrs Smith

Year 10 - Head of Year Mrs Houston - Senior Leader - Mrs Marsden

Year 11 - Head of Year Mrs Buchanan - Senior Leader - Mrs Dodgson

#### • School day

The times of the school day will remain the same for next academic year. Please see amendments:

8.40: Students to be at form rooms

- REG: 8.45 9.10 P1: 9.10 - 10.10 P2: 10.10 - 11.10
- Break: 11.10 11.30
- P3· 11 30 12 30

P3: 11.30 - 12.30 P4: 12.30 - 1.30

Lunch: 1.30 - 2.00

P5: 2.00 – 3.10 (2.00 – 2.10 literacy reading activity for KS3) After school intervention and enrichment activities programme

## • Achievements

Year 6 Partnership evening – It was great to welcome parents and carers along with their youngsters to our evening in preparation for their move to Highfield in September. There were nerves and excitement aplenty and opportunity to meet their form group and their tutor. A delightful evening meeting such lovely young people and their parents/carers.

PTFA Summer fair – A huge thanks goes to PTFA along with Mrs Thompson and Mr Hyams for their superb organisation of what proved to be a most excellent summer fair. I even ended up with two fish that our delightful Year 10's won – they currently live in my office – that's the fish not the Year 10's! It was great to see so many parents and carers along with many of our superb pupils enjoying a real community event set in the heart of that

community in their school. A pleasure to meet and mingle with so many people. The weather smiled on us and is was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

Year 11 prom – This proved to be a most excellent evening. Year 11 were an absolute delight. They had a wonderful evening consisting of a 3-course meal, a disco and plenty of awards given ranging from the person most likely to be Prime Minister to the couple most likely to marry each other. These awards were decided by the Year 11 leadership team, presented by them and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They all looked utterly amazing and I was incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Town Sports – Last Friday Blackpool Schools Athletics' took place at Stanley Park. We had 7 competitors in year 8, 6 in year 9 and 3 in year 10 who were best on the day for their events, beating all other pupils from the Blackpool schools. Overall our Year 8 and 9 teams were awards first of all schools and our Year 10's finished second. Only going to prove what an absolute credit these pupils are to the academy and did themselves proud.

RSC Macbeth- Our Head of Drama and one pupil went down to Stratford upon Avon on Tuesday and Wednesday to take part in a production of Macbeth on the actual stage at the RSC to a paying audience. This was a superb opportunity and experience for this pupil, who remarked *"It was a special moment acting on the RSC Stage. Working with many actors has given me a life changing experience. From this, my career in acting could be made. To be chosen to play the lead role of Macbeth on the RSC stage was a very proud moment."* The teacher commented "The pupil's interpretation of Macbeth as he is faced with Banquo's ghost was outstanding; such raw emotion and confusion seen through facial expressions and movement. They had worked hard on their speech and this was evident in their performance, being able to speak Shakespeare's words on the Royal Shakespeare Stage with clarity and understanding."

#### • Uniform

For the following week ahead, due to the hot weather, the choice of uniform is as follows:

- Full academy uniform (blazers can be removed if your child is too hot at any point during the day) OR
- Academy PE kit (no leggings please as these are not academy uniform)

Sunglasses may be worn outside during break and lunch, these then must be removed and placed in bags before entering the building, safety of these items is the responsibility of the individuals. Sun cream will need to be applied at home and water brought with them to ensure children are hydrated. There are also water stations based around the academy for children to access free water.

#### 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 place 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.

#### GCSE Results Day 2018

This year's results will be available on **Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 starting at 9.30am**. More details will follow. However, if you are unable to collect your results you must do the following –

- Inform Ms Addison, Exams officer as soon as you can.
- You must provide Ms Addison with details, a letter or email from your email address, of who you are giving permission to collect your results.
- That nominated person must then bring a letter from yourself to the academy with ID of whom they are. They will sign for receipt of your results.
- These are your [the candidates'/pupils] results. I am unable to give them to your parents or siblings or relatives without the appropriate consent from yourself.

If you have any exam queries please do not hesitate to contact - lynne.addison@highfield.staracademies.org

#### **2018 Term Dates and Holidays**

19 JUL	Academy closes ( <b>12:30</b> ) Summer holidays begin
05 SEPT	Academy open for all pupils (08:40am)

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#### Key communication as from September 2018

Senior Leadership Lead for 7 – Nicola Eccles - nicola.eccles@highfield.staracademies.org Senior Leadership Lead for Year 8 – Ailsa Bowie - ailsa.bowie@highfield.staracademies.org Senior Leadership Lead for Year 9 – Claire Smith - claire.smith@highfield.staracademies.org Senior Leadership Lead for Year 10 – Charlotte Marsden - charlotte.marsden@highfield.staracademies.org Senior Leadership Lead for Year 11 – Nicola Dodgson - nicola.dodgson@highfield.staracademies.org Vice Principal – Angela Robinson – angela.robinson@highfield.staracademies.org Principal – Louise Riley – louise.riley@staracademies.org Executive Principal – Helen Mackenzie OBE- helen.mackenzie@highfield.staracademies.org

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