



Highcliffe School Student Bulletin

Monday 25th – Friday 29th September 2017: Week B

General Notices



On Monday 25th September, the School Nursing Service will be in school to share with students information about a new service 'Chat Health'.

This is the School Nurse Messaging Service, giving young people the opportunity to contact a nurse by mobile message. This is a secure service that aims to make it much easier to be in contact with a nurse for advice and guidance.

They can be found at the bottom of the library stairs at lunchtime – pop along to find out more!

Open Evening (MYP)

Thursday 5th October is our School Open Evening. Please get involved and help out! Get a letter from the teacher that you wish to help and return the parental reply slip to the Student Support Office. Students can also be tour guides. Simply return your letter slip to the Student Support Office with the words 'tour guides' clearly written on it.

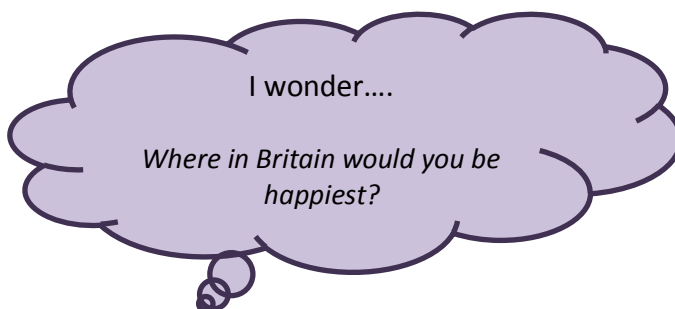
Japan 2018 (DBN)

Are you interested in visiting Japan?

Highcliffe School is organising a trip to Japan in October 2018. As you can imagine, this is an exciting and unforgettable experience.

If interested, please click on the following link

<https://station1.highcliffe.dorset.sch.uk/intra/pages/Letters/Letters/Year%2010/19%20Japan%202018%20Interest%20Letter.pdf> or see Mr Bryden in En1 for details. Alternatively, you can contact Mr Bryden via the school office.

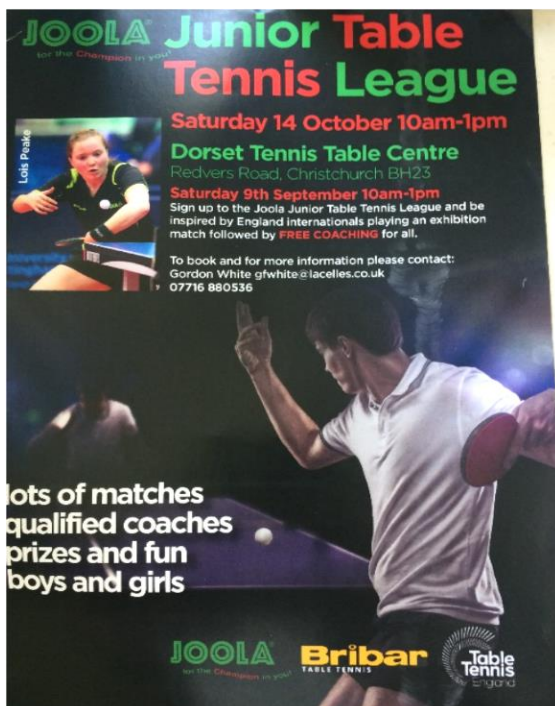




As September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we will be selling gold ribbons in school this week to support the Isabel Baker Foundation, which is a Christchurch-based charity that supports families of children with cancer. Please remember to bring in some coins, buy a ribbon from the Student Support Office and wear your ribbon to show your support.

New Junior Table Tennis League (NJS/JDN)

On the 14th October, the Dorset Table Tennis Centre (based at the Grange school) will be running the new and exciting Joola Junior Table Tennis League. This is a monthly league for boys and girls aged 16 or under and is open to all playing abilities ranging from beginner-advanced. We are running this league for players to have fun but most importantly aiming at players who don't get regular match play, we are hoping this will be the perfect stepping stone for young players to improve their skill set and in the future play in the Bournemouth local league. Full details on the images below:



Music Notices

MUSIC CLUBS:

Day	Lunch	After school
Monday	Percussion club - EX3 All years welcome (Starting 18 th September)	
Tuesday	Highcliffe Choir and Band - EX2 All years welcome	Concert band - EX3 Grade 3+ on your instrument
Wednesday	Ukulele/guitar - EX2 All years welcome Music Theory - EX5 All years welcome	Musical Theatre Choir - EX1 All years welcome Cubase/Composition - EX5 All years welcome
Thursday	Senior Choir - EX5 Audition only Jamming Club - EX2 All years welcome	
Friday	Boomwhackers - EX3 All years welcome	

PE Notices

FIXTURES/PRACTICES 25th -29th September		
	LUNCHTIME (1.25-1.55pm)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.05-4.10pm)
Monday	Year 7 Basketball Club (NJS)	
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Basketball Club (SHM)	Year 8 Netball v St Peters (H) (HWH) Year 7 Football v Twynham (H) Year 11 Football v Twynham (A) (SHM) Table Tennis Club (3.05-4.30pm)
Wednesday	Year 8 Basketball Club (NJS)	Year 10 Football v Twynham (A) (SHM) Year 8 Football v Twynham (H) (NJS) All years netball club (MWR & HWH)
Thursday		Year 9 Football v Twynham (H) (NJS) Year 10/11 Netball v St Peters (A) (MWR) Swimming Gala @ Dorchester (SHM) Year 7-9 Football Club (CFM & HWH) Years 7-9 Girls Rugby (WES)
Friday	Year 9 Basketball Club (JDN)	

Dear Students,

On this page of the bulletin, you will find quizzes, information, and tips to help you with your literacy. For this week, though, I want to let you know about some key points about literacy.

Below are the key messages we want you to take on board for literacy at Highcliffe School:

- Strive to improve your reading and writing in **all** subject areas – not just English.
- All teachers in all subject areas will want to see you taking care of your reading and writing in all subjects.
- All teachers in all subject areas will be checking your reading and writing.

Below are some key slogans to keep in mind when doing research and when writing.

1. MY WORK. MY WORDS:

This means “Don’t cut and paste” when doing research tasks, or simply copy. Your teacher will advise you on how they want you to present their research. It is about taking responsibility for your work.

2. OUR BEST WORDS. IN THE BEST ORDER.

Are you using your best words? Are you improving your vocabulary?

Are you thinking carefully about how you structure paragraphs? Do you use discourse markers and connectives?

This is about being responsible and purposeful in your attitude towards writing.

3. BE PRECISE. BE PROUD

Are you checking your work carefully? Are you making sure spelling and punctuation are accurate? Are you taking care of your presentation?

This is about taking responsibility and being respectful, too. You are respecting your reader by making sure your work is clear and accurate so people can read your ideas clearly and easily.

Thank you,
Mr Bryden

Literacy Screening

ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 PLEASE read the following:

Literacy Screening for ALL STUDENTS in Years 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 26th September 2017 in the MAIN HALL.

Every year the school asks all students in Year 7 and Year 9 to undertake a series of assessments to get to know their strengths in Literacy (Reading and Spelling). The school calls these assessments "Literacy Screening."

The Screening will take place in the main hall and will take 1 hour.

We wish you all a good Literacy Screening. Please do not be nervous. All we ask is that you do your very best.

You will be asked to **arrive promptly** for your Literacy Screening. Please **DO NOT BE LATE!**

You will need to **line up silently outside the hall**, in your tutor groups, in **alphabetical order**.

You will need to bring with you **2 pens - 1 black biro and 1 purple, green, or red biro.**
(No pencils or coloured crayons or highlighter pens please)

If you have been issued with a coloured overlay, please bring it with you to the hall.

Please do not bring anything else - **no water bottles, no pencil cases, no mobile phones.**

If you do bring your bag, please leave your bag inside the hall as you enter, near a table marked with YOUR tutor group.

You will **need to note in your planners** when you are coming to Literacy Screening, so check below.

Period 1 Year 7 Tutor Groups 7.5. 7.6. 7.7. 7.8.

PLEASE LINE UP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OUTSIDE THE MAIN HALL AT **08:45**

Your tutors will bring you to the hall

Period 2 Year 7. Tutor Groups. 7.1. 7.2. 7.3. 7.4

PLEASE LINE UP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OUTSIDE THE MAIN HALL AT **09:55**

If you are in 7.1 7.2 7.3 7.4 please leave Period 1 five minutes early.

(Please politely remind your Period 1 teacher to bring you to the hall)

BREAK (Main hall will be closed at break. For tuck, enter through outside doors)

Period 3 Year 9 Tutor Groups. 9.6 9.7. 9.8. 9.9.

PLEASE LINE UP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OUTSIDE THE MAIN HALL **AT 11.15**

Period 4 Year 9 Tutor Groups. 9.1. 9.2. 9.3. 9.4. 9.5

PLEASE LINE UP IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER OUTSIDE THE MAIN HALL AT **12.15 pm**

If you are in 9.1 9.2 9.3 9.4 please leave Period 3, five minutes early at 12.15

Good luck! If you have any queries please ask your tutors.

Science Technology Engineering and Maths STEM!

Over the course of last year Highcliffe had the chance to enter STEM competitions with a view to encouraging our students to become more involved with STEM activities.

These ranged from a design project looking into how a city like Southampton could be powered just by green energy. The teams in Year 8 had to put together a plan that gave details of what they would do and how it would benefit the environment. Unfortunately the teams didn't win any prizes but did come up with some really imaginative ideas along the way to completing the BP Bright Ideas Challenge.

Another team was selected to enter the QinetiQ powerboat challenge. This is a competition that takes place at the Haslar Marine testing facility. Europe's largest "swimming pool", capable of recreating huge storm waves and sinking submarines. The team were given a kit which comprised of all the electrical and mechanical parts of the boat and had to design and build a hull to race. After much thinking the process started and, not without problems, the boat was built. Race day came and tinkering was needed (the boat sank twice)!



As the gun went for race 2 our boat, SCAAM, took off and worked perfectly! The day progressed and, whilst not the fastest, the boat completed the course each time, sank the boat from BSB and a lot was learnt about steering and powering the boat! The team were awarded the prize for the best display, telling the story of the boat build better than any others. After a long day the team were very proud of their efforts and came back with a trophy!

At the end of term 10 students were trained as 'Science Ambassadors' to help develop STEM in the school, they spent a day at Bournemouth University where they were shown some activities designed to give them the confidence to help out in school. They were brilliant with the Year 6 students during their induction day and we are looking forward to them becoming involved again this year in a range of activities and clubs.

This academic year we have already started with the Soroptimists Challenge! Miss Hunt will be organising the girl only teams to come up with a creative solution to real life problems. This challenge has been won by Highcliffe in the past and Beth Allum, our last Head Girl, was one of the successful team who were given prize money for the school AND themselves. After studying Physics, Chemistry, Maths and French at A Level and achieving 3As and a B, Beth is now heading off to university to continue into the world of STEM. Who knows where it will lead her, the sky is NOT the limit any more!!

Currently, Year 12 are working on a top secret, space-age project that we hope will work, but as with all cutting edge technology we cannot be sure. You can see all the parts in the photo but can you guess what it does?

Check twitter and the school website for more updates!



Keep your eyes and ears open around SC1 for details of what we will be doing with our QUADCOPTER and hovercrafts in the future!

