



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

13th October 2017

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Monday 16th October

10.00am Parents Group Meeting
3.30pm—Year 11 Parents Evening

Thursday 19th October

Cinema Club—Smurfs—The Lost Village

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October

Half term break

Monday 30th October

Pupils return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see a number of you at the parent resource group on Monday and also at the sixth form parent's evening on Thursday. Thank you for your support. There is a meeting of the parent group this coming Monday 16th October at 10am. Do come along if you can. Our year 11 parents meeting also takes place on Monday starting at 3-30.

Today Nick took a group of pupils to the Van Gogh café. They will be starting work experience there after half term. There is lots going on with work experience. Do look at the website for more information. It is such an important part of what we do here at Highshore.

You will receive the first in a series of leaflets produced by the school next week. "staying safe" will cover a range of topics with separate parent and pupil leaflets. Our first is about bullying. We will be giving out pupil leaflets next Friday. We hope you find the information useful.

We are having further work done to the playground over half term. The new equipment is being well used and we hope the playground will be even better after the holiday. We break up next Friday 20th October for one week.

Eileen



Cinema Club

Smurfs -

The Lost Village

Thursday 19th October

3.15pm to 4.45pm

Curriculum Committee Report

At the recent curriculum committee of the governors we had an update from Eileen about the School Development Plan. It was especially good to hear about improvements in the playground and about the yoga lesson which most classes are now able to take part in. We then looked at pupil attendance and it was good to see a continuing upward trend. Vanessa told us about the results of the pupil survey and of the parent survey. It is really good to know that the vast majority of students and parents are happy with their life at Highshore. Lastly we talked about our top priority of safeguarding in school.

Julia Field—Curriculum Chair

Congratulations!

There are 4 classes with 100% attendance this week, they are: 7E, 7L, Garnet, 10M. Well done!

Pupils of the Week

7E	Naiim For making the right choice and learning from his mistakes	8/9 L	Alfie For good attendance this week	11A	Peter For consistently making an effort to progress in lessons	13/ 14 L	John For being helpful to other students
7L	Ashea For excellent work in Science	8/9 S	Molly For outstanding written work in English	11M	Marcus For a super dramatic performance as Gollum	14 K	Zak For following instructions at College in how to make a cake
7S	Haylie For wonderful reading in the class	9	Jerome For good behaviour and swam for the first time	12/ 13 C	Kyle For excellent autumn leaves in Art	 STARS OF THE WEEK 	
8	Anthony For trying his best in Maths and trying to swim independently	10L	Emanuel For great communication and joining in with the group	12/ 13 H	Luke For great acting in Drama		
Garnet	Mustafe For happily settling into Garnet class	10M	Tyrell For becoming more responsible, remembering to have his lunch on time and getting his diary out in the morning	12/ 13 Ju	Dejayn For focussing well in lessons and listening to instructions	Isaac & Mohamed For planning and leading excellent Sports Leader sessions	
						 PUPILS OF THE WEEK WELL DONE!!!!	

Meet our new staff



Mabina
10M
Craft & Enterprise

After studying psychology I gained a keen interest in special needs education and development and worked in a special needs school for a few years before deciding to apply for teacher training. I trained as a psychology teacher but soon realised that I preferred being in an SEN setting. I am extremely pleased to be Highshore schools first ever newly qualified teacher and have been astounded by the support I have received so far. My tutor group 10M have also been very helpful in showing me around the building and have made me feel welcome in my new environment. I look forward to developing further at Highshore.



Mandy
Garnet
PSHE & Humanities

I am very pleased to be working at Highshore school. The staff and pupils have been very welcoming and I feel I belong in the school community. I am enjoying getting to know the students and discovering their talents and abilities. I'm especially pleased to be the Garnet teacher, working with a great team and students.



Heather
12/13H
Food Technology

Even though I have only been here a couple of weeks I feel as though it has been longer. I feel extremely glad to be able to work at Highshore as everyone, especially the students, have made me feel welcome and helped me to settle in to my new role. I had forgotten how much fun it could be to cook with students that enjoy what they are doing. It is even better when after a day of practicals and demonstrations the students come up to you and say they had a good lesson or enjoyed what they made.



Leanne
8/9L
Yoga & Mindfulness

I moved to London in 2005 and started my teacher training in Primary Education and SEN. I graduated in 2006 and got my first teaching post in a north-east London school. In 2013, I started teaching pupils with speech, language and communication needs in South London. I have always loved yoga and mindfulness and I practice regularly in my spare time. I have taught it to many pupils during my teaching career and in April 2017, I qualified as a children and adolescents yoga and mindfulness teacher. I have loved my first few weeks at Highshore. The pupils are enthusiastic, hard-working and lots of fun! I am learning a lot from them and they bring much joy to the yoga lessons.