



HIGHSHORE SCHOOL

13th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our external links started again this week. 13/14CH are spending Tuesdays at the London School of Mosaics for half of this school year. 13/14C began their college link on Wednesday and 14A enjoyed their link course at Roots and Shoots on Thursday morning. All pupils enjoyed their time offsite. Parents of year 13 and 14 parents please join us on Monday evening for our destinations meeting which starts at 3-30. This is a very important meeting. External providers will be in attendance.

Our Parent Group had a very positive meeting on Monday. It was good to see everyone and to catch up following the summer break. The group will be supporting a number of school events this half term. Please do come along and get involved!

We have been practising our fire drill line ups at the start of the school year and today in assembly we talked about what happened in a fire drill. It was great to give out our first pupil of the week certificates of the new school year. New classes and pupils seem to be settling in well. Please check the website and newsletter for dates of parents evenings this half term.

We have already had issues with misplaced jumpers and coats. Please do label your son/daughter's clothing. It is a huge help to us. Thank you for your support.

Mike Barrett will be sending out letters about after school clubs next week. There is huge demand for places. We do our very best to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee this. Clubs start on Monday 23rd September.

Eileen

Diary

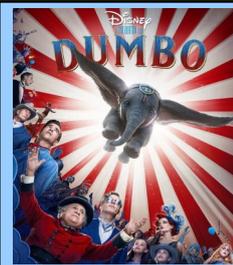
Mon 16th Sept : 3.30pm— Year 13 & 14 Destinations Meeting
 Thurs 19th Sept : 3.30pm—KS3 Disco
 Thurs 26th Sept: 3.30pm to 4.45pm Cinema Club—Dumbo
 Monday 30th Sept : 3.30pm Year 7 Parents Evening
 Friday 4th October : 3.30pm to 5.15pm 6th Form Cinema Club—Captain Marvel
 Monday 7th October : 3.30pm Sixth Form Parents Evening
 Thursday 17th Oct : 3.30pm Years 10 & 11 Parents Evening

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will start on Monday 23rd September.

If you have applied for a place/places you will receive a letter telling you which club/clubs your child has.

Pupils need collecting at 4.15 prompt



Cinema Club
Thursday 26th
September
'Dumbo'
 3.15pm to 4.45pm

There are 5 classes with 100% attendance this week they are: 7S, 9S, 9/10E, 12V & 13/14CO

Well done!

Pupils of the Week

7L	Anna For a fantastic start to Year 7	9S	Tarique For a positive start to the new year	10/11 M	Alfie For having a positive attitude and brilliant start to the new year	13/14 CO	Emmanuel For his independent travelling skills
7S	Kwabena For listening well to instructions and using his Ipad to answer questions	9/10E	Oyin For good listening and making the right choices in difficult circumstances	12 L	Helen For being very helpful to new staff	14 A	Mahir For a great introductory day at college
Y8	Reggie For a great start to the new term, for a mature attitude and independent work in all subjects	10J	Imon For an excellent start to the new term leading his class's behaviour	12 V	Adim For excellent transition into his new class	 STAR OF THE WEEK  Stephane For assisting unprompted with 6th form lunch	
8 R	Emmanuella For an amazing start to the new school year	10/11G	Takudzwa For being a good team player in the class	13 K	Hayley For coming on time/ early to school		
9A	Nico For settling in really well with his new class	10/11L	Bukunmi For joining in group activities and working independently in lessons	13/14 C H	Elizabeth For excellent independent skills, transition and communication skills		
						 WELL DONE!!!!	

Pupil Attendance – Please support the school

It's a good opportunity at the start of term to remind all parents and carers about the school attendance policy:

At Highshore School, in order for an attendance record to be deemed good, it must be 95% or above:

100% Excellent attendance
97% Very Good attendance
95% Expected attendance

All pupils should aim for 100% attendance. The Department for Education (DFE) expect pupils to attend 95% or better. 85% attendance means that a pupil is missing 1½ days of education every fortnight. 80% attendance all the way through secondary school is the equivalent of missing a whole year of education. From September 2015 pupils with 90% attendance and below are classified by the DFE as Persistent Absentees.

At Highshore we take a whole school approach to maintaining excellent attendance and it is the joint responsibility of Parents/Carers, pupils and all staff members to ensure that pupils attend school. We actively work with families to ensure that any issues or circumstances which may lead or might lead to poor attendance are given attention and appropriate support.

By law parents have a duty to educate their children by ensuring regular attendance at school or otherwise. In order to facilitate this parents with a child at Highshore School are expected to:

- Inform the school by phone (0207 708 6790) on the first morning of any absence before 9 am providing a reason for a child's absence
- Ensure that their child gets to school on time - School starts at 8.50am
- Not to take term time leave unless there are exceptional circumstances
- Do everything they can to prevent unnecessary school absences for example making dental medical appointments in school holidays/start or end of the school day so that their child can attend for most of the day
- Keep us informed of any circumstance which may affect their child's attendance
- Work positively with us if their child is having problems regarding attendance
- Not to take their child out of school during term time. If Parents/Carers wish to make a special request for this they must write to the Headteacher
- Promote the importance of regular school attendance at home
- Attend any necessary meetings and respond as quickly as possible to any letters and information about their child's attendance.

In 2018-19 our attendance was 94.40%.

**The schools' aim is to reach 95% attendance this year,
and we will need everyones' help to do this**