



## Highcliffe School Student Bulletin

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017: Week A

### General Notices

#### **INSET Day**

A reminder that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is an Inset day. The school will be closed to all pupils.

#### **Open Evening (MYP)**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we have 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 them.

#### **Open evening tour guides -**

Thanks to all the students who have volunteered to help me welcome visitors to the school on Open Evening. When you arrive in school, please go to En1. Please arrive by 5.15pm. You will be allocated a small group of visitors to take round the school following a route which will be given to you. You must wear correct school uniform.

If you have not received a letter and still want to be part of this important team, please collect a letter from the Student Support Office, fill in the times you are available, get your parents to sign it and then hand it back to the Student Support office.

Before Thursday, please can we have **everything cleared off the tops of lockers** - anything left on the tops of lockers by Thursday after school will be removed.

Please remember that **school finishes at 2.00pm on Thursday**. Lessons 1 & 2 will be as normal, we will have an extended 'brunch' from 11.00am-11.45pm. Next will be lessons 3&4 and all students need to go to their tutor rooms at 1.45pm.

#### **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.



#### **Year 11 Music Showcase**

"Calling all year 11 students, if you have a musical talent and would like to perform in the year 11 showcase on the 18th/19th of October the sign up sheet will be in EX5"

Many thanks Year 11 music tech students.

## Music Notices

### MUSIC CLUBS:

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

## PE Notices

FIXTURES/PRACTICES 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> October		
	LUNCHTIME (1.25-1.55pm)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.05-4.10pm)
Tuesday	Year 10 & 11 Basketball Club (SHM)	<b>Year 7 Football v St Peters (H) (JWS/KWT)</b> Table Tennis Club (3.05-4.30pm)
Wednesday	Year 8 Basketball Club (NJS)	<b>Year 10 Football v St Peters (A) (SHM)</b> <b>Year 8 Football v St Peters (H) (NJS)</b> <b>Year 9 Netball v TBOWA (H) (MWR)</b> <b>Year 7 Girls Football v Glenmoor (A) (CFM)</b> All years netball club (MWR & HWH)
Thursday		Year 7-9 Football Club (CFM & HWH) <b>Girls rugby is cancelled due to Parents Evening</b>
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, thought, 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



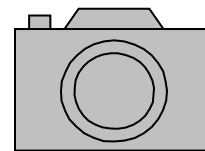


**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 \*weather dependent**

## **WHOLE-SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH PERIOD 3+4**

### **ARRANGEMENTS**

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4. Tutors to ensure uniform is worn correctly. Students should leave bags in tutor rooms. Tutor rooms should be locked when vacated. Valuables should be locked in lockers.
4. Students will move to their fire drill positions in the following order:
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5. Tutors should place tutor groups in height order – with the tallest to the front and the shortest to the back. Please carry this out with sensitivity to students' perceptions.
6. Tutors, HoA and Head of School to check student dress:
  - a) Ties done up, top button done up, jumper worn.
  - b) Jewellery in excess of the dress code should be removed.
7. Further direction will be provided by the photographic team and senior staff.
8. After the photograph students will be dismissed when directed by a senior member of staff and should go to their Tutor Room. Depending on the time, a bell will ring to send students to what is left of Period 4, OR students will remain in Tutor until 12:20pm





*'We value the power of education to change lives.'*

Letters/AttendanceLetterSept2017/MYP/ERS

September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Highcliffe School is committed to ensuring the best for all our students and is working together with parents and carers to support our students and their families. All schools work hard to promote good attendance and have common systems in place to work with families when attendance drops below an acceptable level.

You will be aware of the importance of good school attendance in improving a young person's chance of success in life and establishing positive attitudes to life-long learning. We are very grateful for your commitment as parents and carers to ensuring your child attends school. While we certainly don't expect you to be dragging a seriously unwell son or daughter out of bed on a school day just to achieve a Present mark, we do value the effort you make in ensuring they come to school even when they have minor sniffles, or feel a bit under the weather, or really would just rather stay in bed on a cold winter's day! Turning up at school every day on time even when you would maybe rather not helps lay down the mentality needed to succeed as an adult in the world of work.

More importantly for your child's immediate future, there is a clear evidence of the link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Of students who have less than 90% attendance, only 35% achieve five or more GCSEs at 9-5 including Maths and English, but 73% of students who have attendance of 95% or more will achieve this.

If a child has an attendance level of 90% they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year this will represent four weeks of absence. If this level of absence were maintained for a five year period it would mean half a school year would have been missed.

We, at Highcliffe School, are determined to ensure that all our students have the opportunity to achieve success by having an excellent record of attendance. Highcliffe School gives all students the target of at least 97% attendance and students are regularly commended for their good attendance as an encouragement to them. We monitor all students' attendance and will contact you regarding any concerns we may have. We will always seek to work with you to support your son or daughter if their attendance is causing a problem, to bring about improvement. This is usually enough to see attendance get back on track.

The School Attendance Service at Dorset County Council will be made aware of the school's concerns if improvements are not made and the family will be invited to attend an Attendance Panel. This meeting is an opportunity for the school, family and a representative from DCC's School Attendance Service to meet together to discuss why your son or daughter has such a high absence rate and seek solutions to any problems.

The Panel can recommend several outcomes, which can include; a further period of close monitoring with specified targets for attendance; issuing a £60 Penalty Notice, a Parenting Order or seeking Prosecution which could result in a fine of up to £1,000.

The attendance process is designed to identify poor attendees quickly and address the issues that are affecting attendance. When attendance improves, monitoring will continue and, if it falls, the attendance process will be resumed.

We always hope that an attendance panel will not be required for any student and that all students will achieve their potential, are happy and successful and benefit fully from their time at Highcliffe.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Earnshaw  
Headteacher

## Attendance Statement

It is essential that children and young people form good habits of regular attendance at school from an early age and that good attendance is maintained throughout their school career. Highcliffe School is committed to working together to ensure that there is a consistent approach to school attendance. It is a legal requirement that all children should attend their educational provision and it is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure that their children attend school.

Highcliffe School agreed the following:

All students are given an attendance target of at least 97%

It is important that students arrive at school on time. Time keeping is not only important in obtaining maximum benefit from education it is also a key skill for adult life. Lateness is monitored by the school and contributes to absence rates.

We will monitor that attendance of our students and work closely with Dorset County Council's School Attendance Service to support children and young people whose attendance levels are causing concern.

Whilst we understand that children do become ill on occasions, children who lose a lot of time at school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. If a child's health continues to affect their education, schools are obliged to make a referral to School Health to ensure that appropriate medical advice and support is provided.

If a child is ill, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that they inform the school each day of illness by 10am. The school will contact parents/carers using our group call service if the school has not been notified of the absence. If the school is not notified of the absence after group call has been sent the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

No Leave of Absence will be granted during term time, except in exceptional circumstances. Any absence which has not been authorised by the school will be recorded as unauthorised.

Highcliffe School is committed to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and achieve, and recognises that good attendance is central to this.



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