

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

One last newsletter for this academic year and a lovely sunny weekend to look forward to once the week is done!

So, that was an interesting year! Never would I have imagined that our pupils would be wearing face masks in school or that we'd be asking them to stick swabs up their nose to test for a virus – and yet they have taken all of these bizarre requests in their stride and we are more proud of them than ever!

### Back to school in September

As we look forward to a more 'normal' term in September (we hope!), I can now confirm arrangements for returning to school after the holiday. As I mentioned last week, we have been directed to administer lateral flow tests to pupils as they return for the new term and this huge logistical task has necessitated a slightly staggered return.

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET day – school closed to pupils	Year 7 will be invited in for testing and will return straight home. Times will be issued by text message and posted in advance on our website.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<b>Year 7 start school.</b> Arrive for a 9:00am start on this day	Years 10 and 11 will be invited in for testing and will return straight home. Times will be issued by text message and posted in advance on our website.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>Years 7, 10 and 11 in school.</b> Year 7 arrive for an 8:40am start Years 10 and 11 arrive for an 8:50am start	Years 8 and 9 will be invited in for testing and will return straight home. Times will be issued by text message and posted in advance on our website.
From Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>All year groups in as normal.</b> Year 7 start at 8:40am Years 8 & 9 start at 8:45am Years 10 & 11 start at 8:50am	

We are aware that our new Year 7 pupils may be inexperienced with lateral flow testing and so will have plenty of trained staff available to support them. We have issued a request for consent to parents/carers of our incoming Year 7 and would urge anyone who has not yet replied to do so as soon as possible please by clicking [here](#).

### School uniform

We are incredibly proud of how smart our pupils look in their Hyde uniform. Our full uniform policy, along with plenty of guidance and photos, is available on our website. Please remember that just because an item can be found within the 'school uniform' section of a store does not mean that it fits within our rules so it's always wise to check in advance if you're unsure.

You may notice some shops are selling school jumpers with our new logo on. Please be assured that pupils may continue to wear their existing jumpers.

During the school holidays, enquiries about uniform can be directed to [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk) however, there are very few staff in school during the summer and so there may be a slight delay in replying to your request.

The most common queries are usually around the following:

School shoes – these must be plain black shoes which fit below ankle height. Trainers, sports shoes (with sports logos), boots and canvas or mesh shoes are not allowed. We've had several queries this year about Nike Airforce 1 'sneakers' – these are not allowed at Hyde except for PE. As a rule of thumb – if you can't polish it, it's not a shoe.

Skirts must be an appropriate length for school – no more than 4 inches above the knee. Lycra skirts are not allowed.

Trousers must be full length plain black tailored trousers. Jeans style trousers, denim, lycra trousers, skinny trousers are not allowed.

PE kit must be worn on PE days (new Year 7 won't need this on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September). The temporary arrangement of 'any plain black hoodie' comes to an end this week; from September Hyde High School hoodies are the only ones allowed – royal blue for Years 7 – 9 and black for Years 10 and 11.

Year 7 and Year 10 pupils will be issued with a school tie on the first day of term.

Girls wearing headscarves in line with their faith must wear a plain black scarf with no patterns or fringes. This must be wrapped neatly and should not be 'trailing'.

Jewellery is not allowed at all (other than a wristwatch). Any new piercings should be arranged for the start of the holiday as they will need to be removed in school.

Hair must be a natural colour. Shaved heads, tram lines and shaved designs in hair are not allowed.

### **Student Leadership Team**

This week I was privileged to hold my first meeting with our new Student Leadership Team – and what a team they are! Ably led by Head Student Scarlet and Deputy Head Student Charlotte, they are brimming with ideas and positive energy. I can't wait to see what they achieve over the next year.

Congratulations to our newly appointed team: Scarlet; Charlotte; Max; Sophie; William; Reece; Alisha; Jessica; Shelita; Evie and Rachel.



### **Helpline**

Our email support line [help@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:help@hydehighschool.uk) will be monitored periodically during the summer break and is there for any pupil or parent wanting our advice or support during the holidays.

### **Some goodbyes**

This week we say farewell to some colleagues who are moving on to pastures new and one who is finally retiring after over 40 years' service to our school. Mr Dolan, who for many years was Head of PE, is finally hanging up his

track suit and retiring to spend more time with his family. I'm sure many of you will remember him from your own days at Hyde and I hope you will join me in wishing him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

After several years at Hyde, our SENCO Mr Ross and English teacher Miss Nichols are taking up new posts elsewhere as are Mr Ali (maths), Mrs Jessop (maths), Mr Thorne (RE), Mr Brown (business studies) and Mr Bashir (Inclusion). I would like to thank all of them for their positive contribution to our school and we wish each of them every success in their new ventures!

Please read on to see more of our end of term successes, but I will sign off here for this academic year. I'm excited about the new term – hopefully a much more normal period when we can keep high quality learning flowing and get all of our extra-curricular activities up and running again. Thank you so much for your understanding and your support during the last 12 months, it has been **very much** appreciated.

Wishing all our pupils and families a lovely summer break. See you in September.

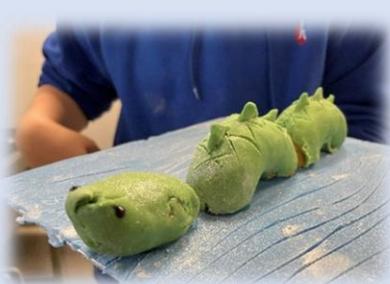
Best wishes, keep safe.

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Headteacher

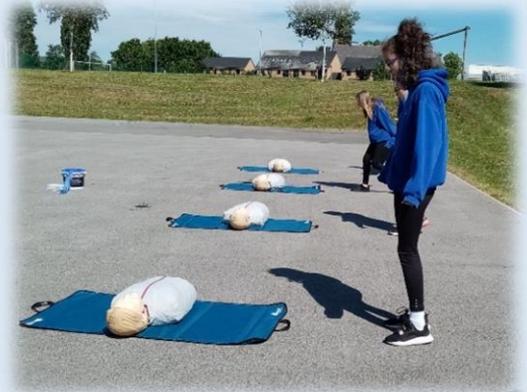
### Ultimate Football Snacks: Design and Technology

We have had loads of amazing 'ultimate football snacks' made by year 7 and 8 in celebration of the Euro 2021. To view more photos please visit our D&T Instagram account to view these culinary works of art! (**Our D&T Instagram tag is: [hydehighschool\\_dt](#)**)



## First Aid Course – Year 7

Well done to the group of year 7 students who took part in a first aid course. They learnt how to carry out CPR, put someone in the recovery position, dress wounds, deal with choking and how to use a defibrillator. These were practical sessions where students had fun learning new skills. The course will be run for other year groups in the new school year.



## Hyde's Bookmark Challenge



Each year at Hyde we challenge pupils to read 6 books. The books are for all ranges of ability. This year we have had 37 pupils complete the challenge which was amazing. These pupils have been awarded their reading badge. All 37 names were put into a prize draw and congratulations go to Erin M, Zaynah A, Amira C and Flynn L who have become the first winners of the annual bookmark challenge.



## Summer Reading Challenge

*"Reading is cool. Books are cool. That's it. That's the tweet" Marcus Rashford*

To enter the summer reading competition:

1. Select 3 books to read
2. Rate your books
3. Review your books

The Entry form is on the back of this newsletter – bring it to the library by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September for your chance of winning 1 of 5 Amazon Vouchers

Mrs Halliwell and Mr Shaw

## Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Well done to our year 10 geographers who completed their fieldwork in Liverpool. Mrs Lynch reports that behaviour was exemplary as they all worked hard investigating urban redevelopment. The follow up work that they've produced, alongside completing their mocks, has been outstanding!

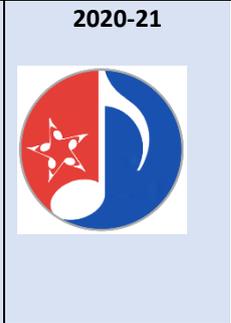
**If you have been given a laptop this year please ensure you return it to the IT Technicians in school. Thank you!**





**Music Badges of Excellence**

Over 150 badges of excellence have been awarded to students this academic year! Students who collected 5 reward stickers in a term; showing excellence in behaviour, effort, performance, homework & presentation were awarded the badge. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to receive the badge! There will be a new badge design next year for students to aim to collect.

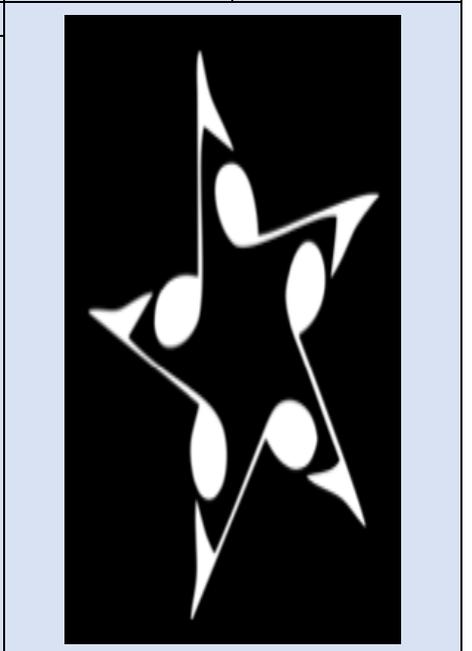


**Music All Stars!**

The Music Department would like to thank the following students for their incredible hard work throughout the year. These students collected every possible reward sticker and have shown outstanding consistency in behaviour, effort, homework, presentation & progress.

A superb achievement, really well done!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Willow B	Maria B	Cora S
Hira B	Avadhi V	Anuva A
Chanelle E	Daisy P	Joe B
Jacob W	Scarlet K	Amanee M
Meezan K	Kameron A	Ethan F
Michalina J	Sophia M	Aimee R
Kara A	Jessica M	Carly E
Sophie J	Kira H	
Hester D	Sarah A	
Grace E	Connie A	
Lucy O	Sadia B	
Elliot W	Dixie B	
Anisah A	Aimee P	
	Millie D	
	Eve P	
	Ruby Jo R	
	Rebecca B	
	Aaron M	
	Dylan F	



**PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE.**  
**September 2021- October 2021**



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y8 Boys Football Mr Patel	Girls Netball Fixtures Miss Miles	Y7,Y8,Y9,Y10,Y11 Girls Football Miss Wells	Girls Football Fixtures Miss Wells	Y11 Boys Football Mr Leadbeater
Y7 Boys Football Mr Leadbeater			Y9 & Y10 Boys Football Mr Beeden	
Y7,Y8,Y9,Y10,Y11 Girls Netball Miss Miles				

## Year 8 Rocket Fun

Mr Machin's Year 8 Science Class had fun shooting their own rockets last week as part of their topic on space. The building of their rockets used skills and ideas from forces and pressure, learning about the particle model of matter and compressibility of air.



## Willow Wood Fun Run

Yesterday a whopping £640 was raised in our Willow Wood fun run. The sun set the stage for a hot run through our obstacle course, as students crawled through tunnels, jumped over obstacles, ran through bubbles and much more whilst getting squirted by staff armed with water pistols. A massive thank you to Mrs Wrigley, Mrs Brett and our fantastic Student Leadership Team!



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Closing date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Title:

Author:

Rating: 

Your review in 3 words:

Your longer review

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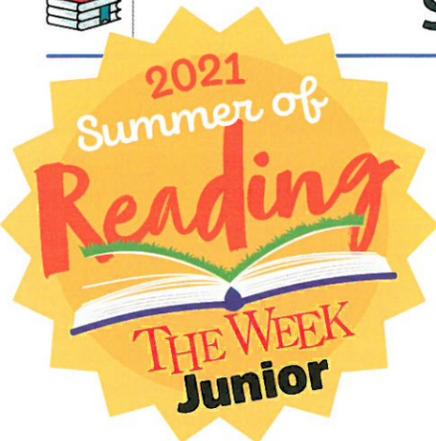
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# Summer of Reading



## Join *The Week Junior's* Summer of Reading challenge

Read, rate and review three books and tell us why reading is your superpower for a chance to win.

Fill in our form

Your first name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian's email: \_\_\_\_\_

Don't worry if you make a mistake. You can download more forms from [theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading](http://theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading)

### Book 1

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Rating (one is the lowest, three is the highest)

Your review in three words \_\_\_\_\_

Your longer review if you wish \_\_\_\_\_



### Book 2

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Rating (one is the lowest, three is the highest)

Your review in three words \_\_\_\_\_

Your longer review if you wish \_\_\_\_\_

### Book 3

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Rating (one is the lowest, three is the highest)

Your review in three words \_\_\_\_\_

Your longer review if you wish \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete this sentence

Reading is my superpower because \_\_\_\_\_

### Enter to win!

Please fill in this form, scan or photograph it and email it to [competitions@theweekjunior.co.uk](mailto:competitions@theweekjunior.co.uk) with the subject header SUMMER OF READING. You will then be entered in our prize draw. One winner and two runners-up will be drawn at random after the prize draw deadline. The winner will receive a bundle of books worth £200 plus a £50 National Book Token. Three runners-up will each receive a £50 National Book Token. One form per person. Prize draw deadline is 11.59pm on Friday 3 September 2021. For terms and conditions, go to [theweekjunior.co.uk/terms](http://theweekjunior.co.uk/terms)



# Summer of Reading



## Make reading your

# Superpower



Take our challenge for a chance to win a £50 National Book Token and a bundle of books worth more than £200.

Where are you going this summer? How about visiting a village in the Himalayas or going on an adventure in 19th century Amsterdam? Would you like to experience a magical ice garden or embark on a quest to free dragons from captivity? Perhaps you'd prefer to meet a Jamaican freedom fighter or get to know the Greek gods? Unleash your reading superpowers and find out just how far a good book can take you. Follow these three simple steps to complete the challenge.



### 1. Choose and read three books

This might just be the hardest part of the challenge – there are so many brilliant books. If you can't decide what to read, take a look at the next two pages where you'll see the 50 books our experts have selected just for you this summer.



### 2. Rate and review

When you finish reading each book, rate it by filling in the stars on the form on page 20. Three stars is the highest rating, one is the lowest. Next, describe the book in three words. If you'd like to write a longer review, use the lined space on the form to share your thoughts.

### 3. Enter our prize draw

When you've filled in the form, take a photo of it and email it to [competitions@theweekjunior.co.uk](mailto:competitions@theweekjunior.co.uk) with the words SUMMER OF READING in the subject line. Every form we receive will be entered into a prize draw to win books and book tokens (see page 20 for prize details, deadline and terms and conditions).

**Find a new home for your old books**

One in four disadvantaged children across the UK has fewer than 10 books of their own at home, and one in eight has none. The Children's Book Project would love to give your pre-loved books to children who need them. Find out how you can help fill empty shelves at [childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://childrensbookproject.co.uk)

### Three powerful reasons to read

#### To travel in time and space

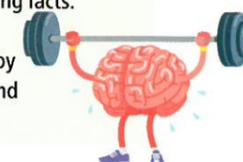
Books can propel you forward into the future or take you back into the past. They transport you around the globe and allow you to explore alien planets. No rockets required – all you need is a book. So, sit back, relax and enjoy the reading ride.

#### To boost your wellbeing

Stories can help you understand your own emotions and increase empathy by letting you see the world through someone else's eyes. This can improve your wellbeing and positivity, and reading for pleasure is proven to reduce anxiety and relieve pain.

#### To turbo-charge your brain

Reading introduces you to new words, amazing ideas and fascinating facts. It sparks your imagination and sets you up for success by boosting spelling, writing and communication skills.





# 50 brilliant books

All these books are highly rated for readers like you. Tick the boxes next to the ones you've enjoyed.

Books to inspire	Books to make you laugh out loud	Books you'll want to talk about	Books with characters you'd love to meet	Books with amazing adventures	Books to make you think like a detective



## Find out more

Our list has something for everyone. Some books are packed with action and adventure; others will transport you to far-flung places, send a shiver down your spine, make you laugh or fill you with fascinating facts, amazing ideas and inspiration. You'll find the details of each book on our Summer of Reading book list. View, download or print it at [tinyurl.com/TWJ-booklist](http://tinyurl.com/TWJ-booklist)

## NOTE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

### Give your child a power-up this summer!

Reading is a superpower that will help your child in the real world for the rest of their life. More useful than X-ray eyes, or the ability to leap tall buildings with a single bound, it's a skill that will:

- fire your child's imagination
- increase their vocabulary
- boost their wellbeing

So whether they're an enthusiastic reader or just getting started, there's no better time to boost your child's powers – for life.

### Pass it on

Encourage your friends and family with children aged between eight and 14 to join us too. They can find out more about the challenge and how to enter it at [theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading](http://theweekjunior.co.uk/summerofreading)

### Share the power

Let us know how your child is getting on with the challenge! Tag @theweekjunior and use the hashtag #summerofreading on social media.

Books packed with superpowers	Books that transport you into the past	Books that take you around the world	Books about fantastic friends and families



### PICTURE POWER

If you'd like a chance to see your child in a future issue of *The Week Junior*, just send a photo of them reading a book to [hello@theweekjunior.co.uk](mailto:hello@theweekjunior.co.uk). Why not ask them to strike a superhero pose at the same time? If their photo is printed in the magazine, they'll receive one of our Roving Reporter badges.