

15th November 2013



Dear Parent/Carer and Learners

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thank you to all Learners and Staff who helped to organise the very successful Remembrance Day Service which was held on Friday 8th November. We were honoured by the presence of a number of 'Old Gaytonian Association' members who held the annual Remembrance service and shared special memories with our cadets and learners. The ceremony itself was an appropriately sombre tale, the prefects formed a decorative wall for 'The Gaytonians' to walk through and take their seats, where they listened to a range of speeches and poems to commemorate those who passed in the wars.



YR 8 PARENT EVENING 5.00PM – 7.00PM – THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

We look forward to seeing parents/carers at the Parent Evening on Thursday 21st November. This will take place in: School Hall / Library.

ENTERPRISE DAY – YR 7

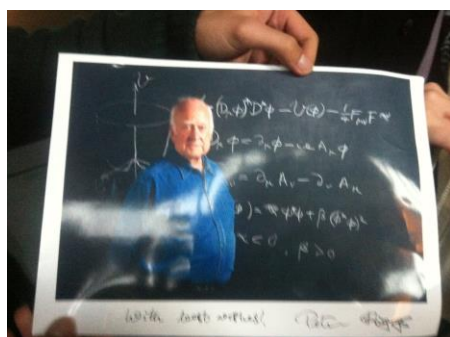
Coming soon to Harrow High School - Tuesday 26th November 2013 – more information next week.



Professor Peter Higgs spoke to young physicists at the Science Museum in London to mark the opening of the Large Hadron Collider exhibition. This Q&A was a unique opportunity to gain an insight into what inspired Nobel Prize winner Professor Higgs in his big ideas about small particles. The Learners found out how the discovery of the Higgs boson after nearly 50 years of work has contributed to our knowledge of the universe.

Krish Uday - 6TH Form gave us his account of the day:

“Sitting on stage around a Nobel Prize winning physicist is quite nerve-wracking, though still exciting! Admittedly, yes I was quite shaky when I spoke to him, but who wouldn’t be, he’s a legend (to most aspiring physicists)! I was completely unaware that I was going to meet Prof Higgs, till the day before the trip, thus I felt unprepared and nervous. However, talking to a Nobel Prize winner is quite spine tingling, even more when you have cameras stalking you like a hawk! All in all, it was an unforgettable trip and hopefully, I’ll get to meet Stephen Hawking next time”.



WORLDWIDE POETRY COMPETITION “THE POWER OF POETRY” COMPETITION

CONGRATULATIONS! Well done to 19 of our learners who have been successful and will be published in an anthology. They have received a letter, bookmark and certificate from ‘Young Writers’ in the post. The school will receive a complimentary poetry anthology in February 2014 and a copy will be kept in the British Library and many others across the UK, providing a lasting record of their achievement. Those shortlisted will be announced in the New Year. The winners will receive IPADS and cash prizes.

One poem will be published each week in the Friday letter starting from Friday 22nd November.

ESSENTIAL WORKS IN SCHOOL

Thank you to all Learners/ parents/carers for being diligent and helpful whilst there is some disruption to the school. Monday 18th November all learners are requested once again to enter and leave the school grounds via the Sports Hall entrance. No one can gain access to the school or sixth form building via the Sheepcote Road side of the school. Please check our website for updates.

EFFORT GRADES

We will be introducing 'Effort Grades', starting with Years 7, 8 and 9 this year. This new system will improve the progress made by learners and give you more information about the work ethic, attitude and dedication that your child is demonstrating in their different subjects. These new effort grades will be reported alongside assessment data in the regular interim reports you receive.

LOST PROPERTY



We have experienced a number of items being misplaced in school this week. Please could all learners take the following steps to keep their belongings safe:

- Do not bring valuables into school – The school does not take responsibility or accept liability for any item lost/ stolen or damaged whilst on school premises. (see page 7 of school planner).

MOBILE PHONES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN SCHOOL

- Use the lockers provided.
- Items of clothing should be identified with the Learner's name.
- Should any clothing be misplaced, it is the Learner's responsibility to check in the Medical Office in the first instance to see if any item has been handed in.
- Please ask your son/daughter to check that they pick up the correct bag/uniform. Many school bags do look identical. All planners should have the learner's name written in it.

There is a lot of lost property in the Medical Office which has not been collected

ADVANCE WARNING – LATE START

Tuesday 27th November – 9.50am

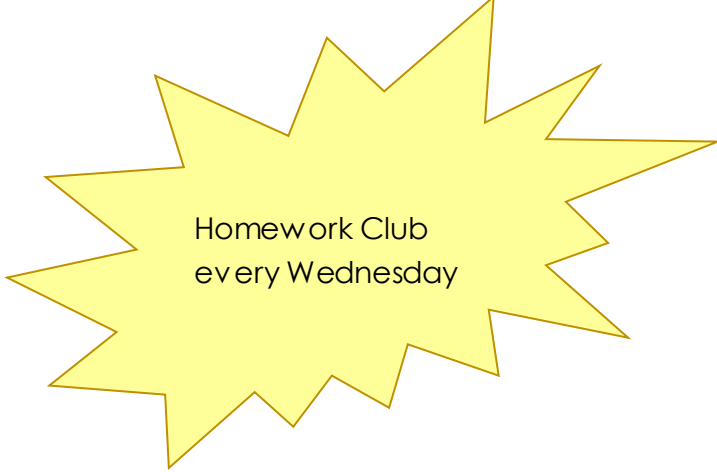
Please note that due to a school INSET on Tuesday 27th November, registration for learners will be at 9.50am. Please continue to check our website for updates. www.hhsweb.org

'DEAR' (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ)

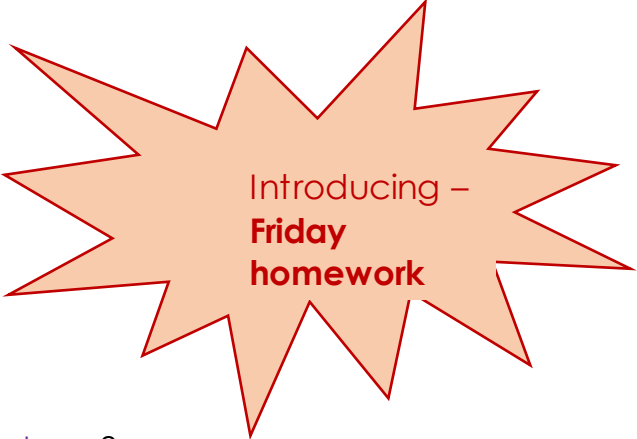
We continue with our DEAR programme which is proving to be a great success. Well done to all learners and staff who have embraced this new literacy incentive.

Maths Clubs

Need help with your My Maths homework???



Homework Club
every Wednesday

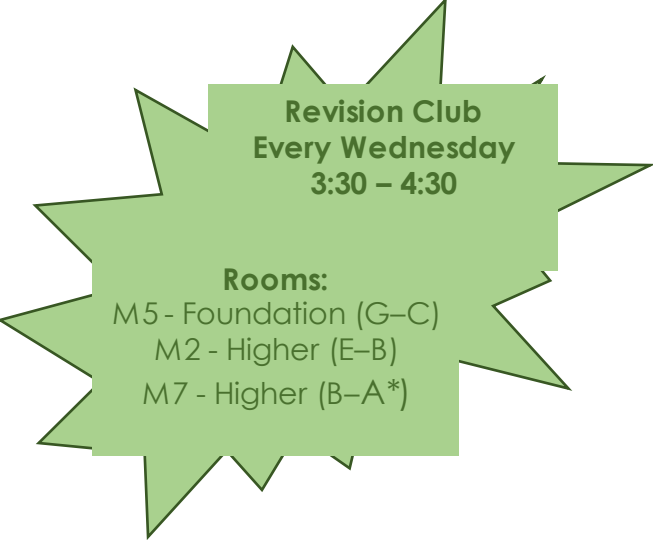


Introducing –
**Friday
homework**

PIPs getting you down?

Want a good grade in your next mock but don't know where to start?

Tried the Maths Watch DVD but still don't understand?



Revision Club
Every Wednesday
3:30 – 4:30

Rooms:

M5 - Foundation (G-C)
M2 - Higher (E-B)
M7 - Higher (B-A*)



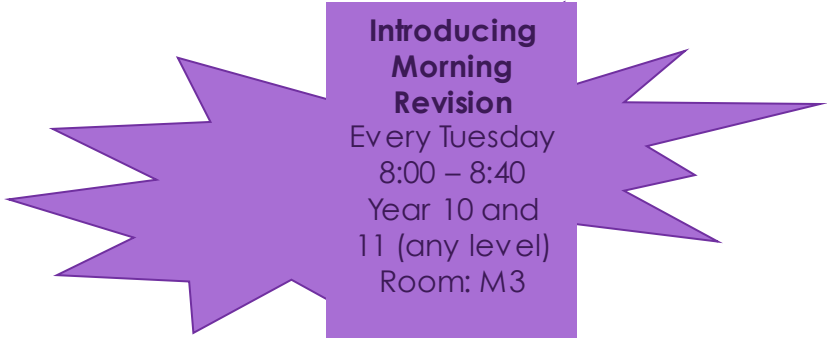
Introducing Tuesday Revision

Every Tuesday
3:30 – 4:30
Year 10 and 11 (any level)
Room: M4

Best wishes



Paul Gamble
Headteacher



**Introducing
Morning
Revision**

Every Tuesday
8:00 – 8:40
Year 10 and
11 (any level)
Room: M3