

October 2020

HORNCHURCH HIGH NEWS



Reception - Building work planned

Work on Reception is going to start in November of 2020, and will be finished by April 2021.



Other plans include:
The Fitness Suite,
Girls' Changing rooms,
PE office, Playground
area outside the
canteen, tree planting
near the new car park.

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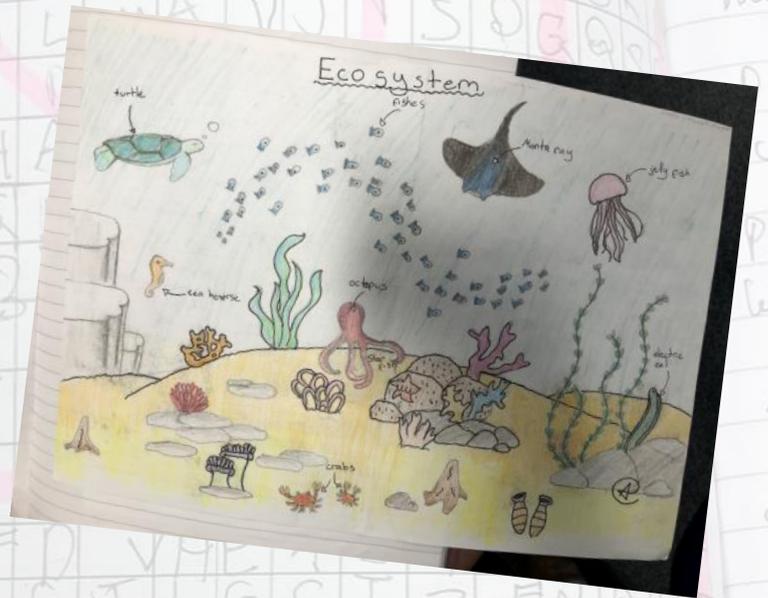


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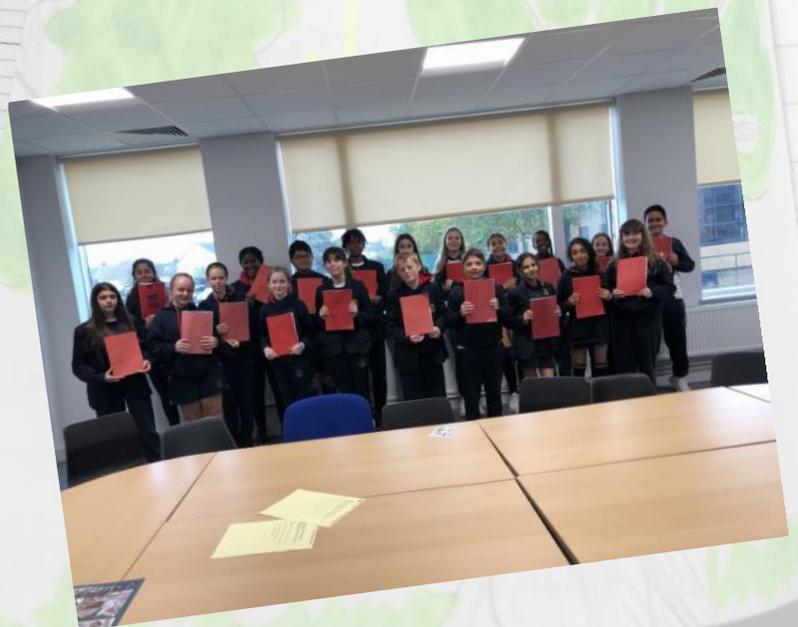
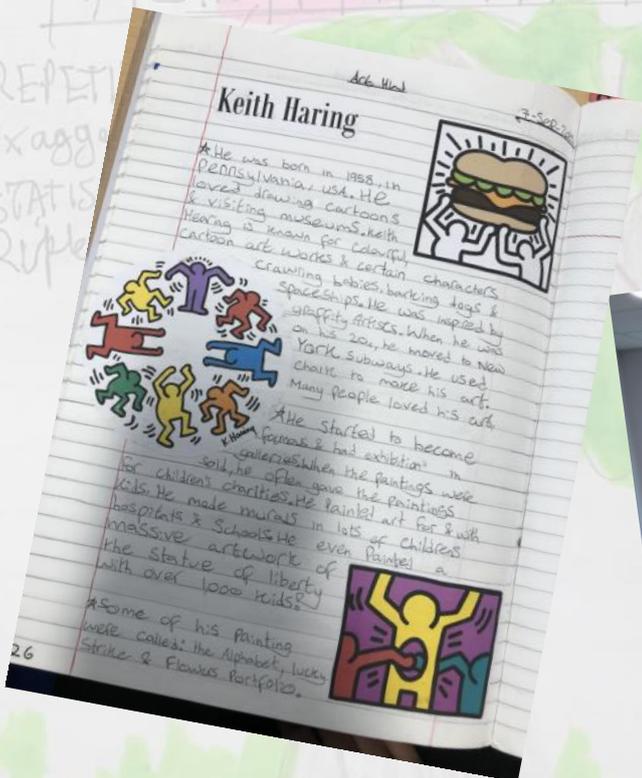
We have made a fantastic start this half term with our Knowledge Organizers. Students have been working hard and showing off what they have learnt. We have met with some students from 7, 8 and 9 and spoken with them about what works

best for their revision and how we can improve their experiences with KOs.

We are very proud of the efforts that they have made, the hard work will pay off. They have been given reward points and will get a prize at the end of the week.



Thanks to all of you, and to parents for your support!



Attendance this term

Thank you to all families for their support during the Covid-19 period. You have been so successful at making good judgement calls regarding the self-isolating and attending school balance that we have only had one confirmed case in school so far and attendance figures which are much higher than the national average.

School Dates for Diary

Friday 23 October—INSET DAY

Monday 7th December—INSET DAY

Monday 4th January—INSET DAY

Monday 8th March—INSET DAY

Additional Diary Dates

Havering Term Dates suggested that we came back on Thursday 3rd September but we wanted to start back on Tuesday 1st September. We moved the two days' holiday to Friday 18 December 2020 and Friday 23 July 21.

Early closure on Thursday 22 October, and Friday 23 October. Friday 23 October is an INSET Day. This is to promote work life balance and well-being for staff and students.

Staffing Updates

School Business Manager: Mr. Dominic Wiffen

Pastoral Support Workers: Ms. Sofiya Mehmet, Mr. Stephen Copping

Deputy Head, Teaching and Learning : Ms. Sophie Dryden

Publicity materials

There is a new video and a prospectus.

Please have a look at the video on the website as it's excellent. (A link has been forwarded to your email)

Staff Questionnaire Responses

A survey has been completed by 42 members of teaching staff and 24 members of support staff. There were 3 questions on the survey:

1. Do you feel the school has given enough support and guidance with regard to the Covid-19 arrangements?
2. Please comment on what the school has done particularly well
3. Please comment on what the school could do better with regard to Covid-19 arrangements

The results were overwhelmingly positive, with just a few points for consideration.

The fact that we have had so few cases (only one) is testament to the fact that the systems are working well.

Homework

We have seen great homework effort this term and some of you will have received praise letters home from your teachers in regard to this. Well done and keep up the good work!

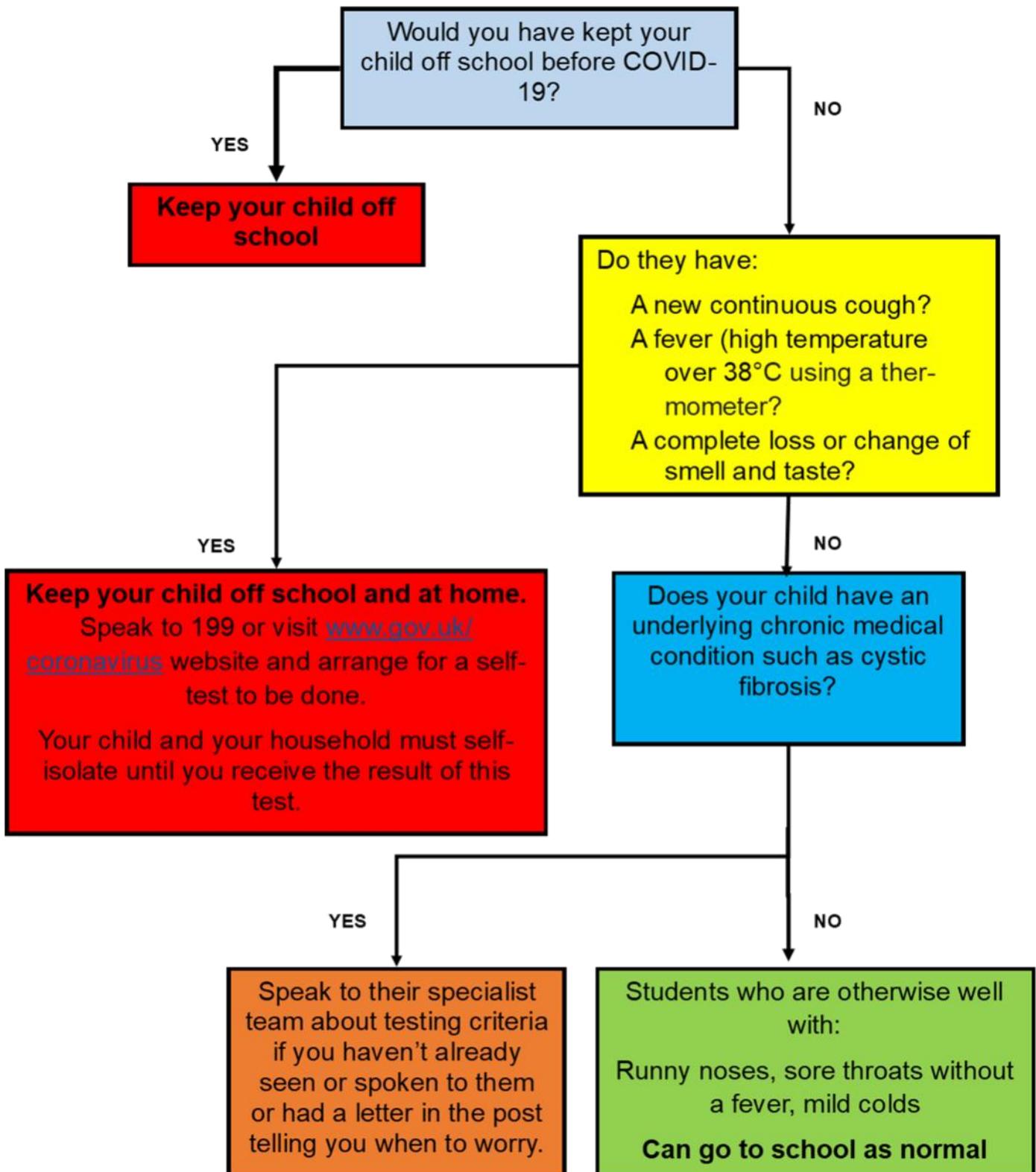
Year 11 revision

Year 11 have had revision sessions this half term focusing on what works for them. They have each now had 2 sessions, the first was on what type of learner they are and the second has been on use of revision cards. They have really grasped the concept and science behind this. If you need more revision cards, please email Mr Evans.

Should I send my child to School?

An the Covid flow chart was recently sent in an email to parents. This chart helps you decide whether your child is safe and well enough to attend school or should be kept at home as they are displaying Corona virus symptoms.

Here it is for reference:



October Recipe

The Jamaican Patty

The Jamaican Beef Patty is a version of the Cornish Pasty that was introduced in the Caribbean by British Colonialists. The Jamaican Beef patty is considered a popular street food. Over the years, a variety of fillings have been used such as seafood, jerk chicken, lamb, goat meat, vegetables and ackee and salted fish (Jamaica's national dish)

JAMAICAN BEEF PATTY RECIPE

Ingredients

For the pastry

300g/10½oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1½ tblsp Madras curry powder
1½ tblsp ground turmeric
pinch salt
165g/5¾oz unsalted butter, chilled and diced
1 large free-range egg, beaten

For the filling

2 tblsp rapeseed oil
1 onion, finely diced
4 large garlic cloves, crushed
2 tsp Madras curry powder
2½ tblsp snipped chives
1½ tblsp chopped thyme leaves
300g/10½oz lean beef mince
125ml/4fl oz beef stock
1 tsp molasses sugar (or dark brown sugar)
1 tsp Scotch bonnet hot sauce or 1cm/½in piece Scotch bonnet chilli, finely chopped

Method

For the pastry, sift together the flour, curry powder, turmeric and salt into the bowl of a food processor. Add the butter and pulse until the mixture looks like coarse. Gradually add 4-6 tablespoons of ice cold water until the dough starts to come together. Add just enough water to bind the dough.

Roll the dough into a ball and wrap in cling film. Leave to rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.

For the filling, heat the oil in a large saucepan, add the onion and a pinch of salt and cook for about 5-10 minutes until softened. Add the garlic, curry powder, chives and thyme (and if you are using fresh scotch bonnet, add this now too). Leave to cook for another minute, until the aromas are released. Add the minced beef, breaking it up with a wooden spoon and allow it to brown all over for about 5 minutes.

Add the stock, sugar and scotch bonnet hot sauce, bring to the boil and reduce the heat. Cover the pan with a lid and let the mixture simmer for about 10 minutes. Add the bread, return the lid to the pan and let the mixture continue to simmer for a further 10 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat, season with salt and pepper and leave to cool.

Preheat the oven to 220C/200 Fan/Gas 7.

Remove the pastry from the fridge and roll out with a flour-dusted rolling pin onto a large sheet of greaseproof paper to a thickness of about 3mm. Cut out six circles from the pastry.

Divide the filling between the six circles, spooning the mixture on to one half of each pastry circle and leaving space around the edge to allow for sealing the pastry. Wet the edges of the pastry and fold the non-filled half of the pastry over the filled half and use a fork to press down all around the edges.

Place the patties on a baking tray, brush with the egg and bake for 20 minutes, or until the pastry is golden and cooked through. Enjoy with a salad of your choice!



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Reporting Absences

Any absence from school due to illness, appointments or any other reason **MUST** be reported to the

Attendance Office by 9.00am at the latest

Please either call the Attendance line on:

01708 691441 x 208232 or via **ParentMail App**
or via email **jbryan@hornchurchhigh.com**

Absences should always be followed up by written confirmation from the parent/carer. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement – how can your child learn if they are not here?

Attendance is important because your child will not make progress if they do not attend school. If your child receives an attendance figure of 90% every year of their school life, they would miss over a whole year of their schooling.

We need your help to raise whole school attendance.

Any students who arrive late to school or lessons will be issued with a red Late Slip and **MUST** attend a Late Detention for 30 minutes after school on the **SAME** day.

**10 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY =
33 MISSED HOURS OF
SCHOOL**

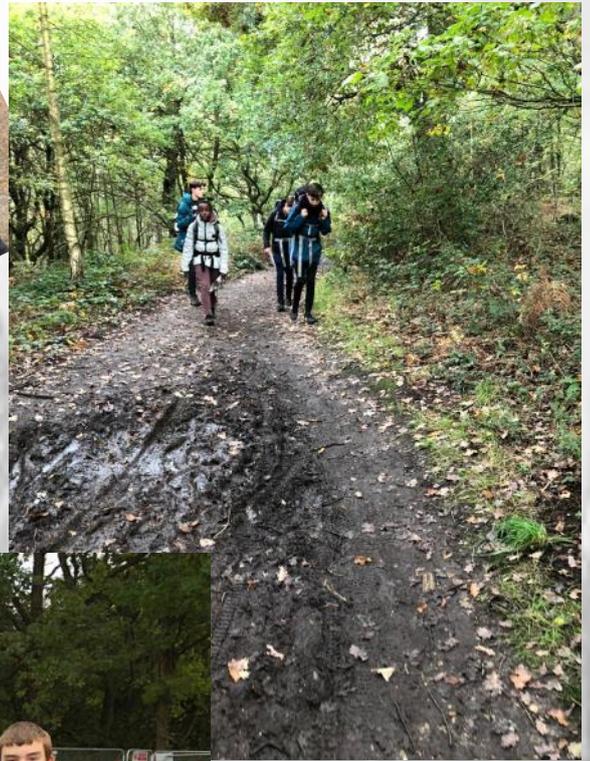
EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE



Join us every Monday-Thursday in the R-Zone after school (3:00-4:00pm) for help and support with homework tasks
All years welcome



Well done to the year 10 & 11 students who have worked extremely hard on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition over the last 2 weekends. Congratulations on passing this part of the course.

YEAR 7, 8 & 11

BASKETBALL-MUGAs

NETBALL-MUGAs

**YOGA/PILATES-
GYMNASIUM**

**FOOTBALL/TENNIS/BASKETBALL-
MUGAs/TENNIS
COURTS**

Wednesday 11:00-11:30

Friday 11:00-11:30

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Thursday 11:00-11:30

Friday 13:30-14:00

With Mr Norris/Mr Veares

With Miss Hutton

With Miss Hutton

With Mr Veares



**PE EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**



YEAR 9 & 10

**FOOTBALL-lower
playground/lower
field**

NETBALL-MUGAs

**YOGA/PILATES-
Gymnasium**

**TENNIS/BASKETBALL
/FOOTBALL-
MUGAs/tennis
courts**

Monday, Tuesday
and Thursday 10:00-
10:30

Tuesday 10:00-
10:30

Monday 12:30-
13:00

Tuesday 12:30-13:00

Wednesday and
Friday 12:30-13:00

With Miss Begum

With Miss Hutton

With Miss Hutton

With Mr Veares



Staff Blurb

Name: Mr Neill

Job Title:
Assistant Head Teacher

Where were you born?

Rush Green

What is your favourite thing to do in your spare time?

Tough question, it is between kickboxing classes, riding my bike and spending time with my friends and family. Sorry I cannot pick!

What is the best book you've ever read?

Legacy by James W.Kerr

What is your favorite film?

Coach Carter

The best place you've been on holiday?

Las Vegas

Something about your family?

Both of my grandads fought in WW2 which I am very proud of

A word you dislike? Why?

'Basically' at the start of a sentence, there is no need for it

What made you want to teach?

My PE teacher at school, plus my love of sport

A must-see attraction/event in Havering/London, in your opinion?

Tour of Britain Bike Race which usually finishes in central London

Happy Retirement



Lesley Parker is retiring from Hornchurch High School after nearly 12 years as Director of Finance.

Her professionalism and dedication to the school have been invaluable, culminating in the opening of the new North Wing in February 2020.

We wish her a long and very happy retirement and hope she enjoys her travels when COVID allows!