



Dear Parents and Carers,

Storm Eunice has unfortunately brought this half term to an abrupt end, causing us to put last-minute plans in place. Thank you for all your support with the school closure and online learning, it is only something we do as a last resort.

We have had another busy few weeks with lots happening at HSL. One highlight was our African themed curriculum day, where students enjoyed a slightly different school day by learning about one topic in more detail. Additionally, the pupils continue to be very busy with rehearsals for our production of 'Little Shop of Horrors' in a few weeks' time. Their enthusiasm and commitment are absolutely wonderful.

If you have been following our website, you will have noticed that we have been extremely busy recruiting a number of teachers to join the school in September. I am absolutely delighted with the number and quality of the applications and we have made some superb appointments. We have involved the Governors, pupils and teachers in every stage of the process, so we really are building our school community together. I will share details of these new appointments once we have finished the next round of recruitment.

Finally, we are delighted to announce that we have now achieved our UNICEF Rights Respecting School Bronze Award! I would like to thank Mrs Ali Cox and the pupils on the steering group, who have done a significant amount of work on this important project.

I would like to wish everyone a relaxing and safe half term.

Kind regards

Headteacher

Key Dates 2022	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring half term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World book day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science STEM week
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA meeting
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform Day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 7 History Castles Trip (TBC)



## RRSA

We are delighted to announce that we have now achieved our UNICEF Rights Respecting School Bronze Award! Which is the first stage of the Rights Respecting School Award.

This means:

- We have introduced the RRSA Three Strands into our school community
- HSL's senior leadership team understands what is involved in the Award and is committed to embarking on the UNICEF UK Rights Respecting journey
- The correct foundations are in place for our school's journey to the second stage of the Award, Silver: Rights Aware

We announced it to the pupils in assembly and they are absolutely thrilled and proud we managed to get this award so quickly.

The certificate will be displayed on our noticeboard.



## Sports update

### Girls' netball

The netball team had an away match at Winchcombe school at the end of last month. The A team lost 15 – 6 but put in lots of effort. Bella Court secured Player of the Match.

The B team triumphed with a win, making the final score 7 – 5. The Player of the Match was Tillie-Mei Robinson. Well done everyone!





## Curriculum Day

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Year 7 took part in an African themed day run by Geography, History, Music, and Languages.

There were 4 sessions within the day each covering a different element of Africa through a different subject.

Pupils enjoyed a very creative school day which gave them the opportunity to learn about one specific subject in greater detail. The pupils were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the activities very much.

There are some pictures of the day below:





## Safer Internet Day

During tutor time on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, The High School Leckhampton students celebrated 'Safer Internet Day'. This year's theme was 'All Fun and Games' and the pupils were informed about how to keep themselves safe online; specifically the session covered:

- Being able to talk about how to stay safe online
- How they can support others to keep safe online

Students looked at PEGI ratings, thought about their digital footprint, reminded themselves what cyber bullying is and the impact it can have on a person (following multiple PSHE sessions on bullying that they've looked at previously) and looked at 'Top Tips for Staying Safe Online'.



We hope the children found the session informative. Pupils also took part in an assembly regarding online safety on the 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Please do see our pastoral support page for more information regarding keeping safe whilst online as well as utilising the fantastic resources on the Wellbeing Hub.

Equally, the website: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022> is incredibly informative.



PTFA Quiz night – Save the date!

**PTFA**

# QUIZ NIGHT Fish & Chip supper

**Friday 29th April  
7pm-10pm**

**Balcarras school hall**  
**£12.50 pp**  
**Max 6 per team**  
**CASH BAR**

**All profits will go towards buying  
books for the new school library.**

**BOOKING AVAILABLE FROM 3rd MARCH**



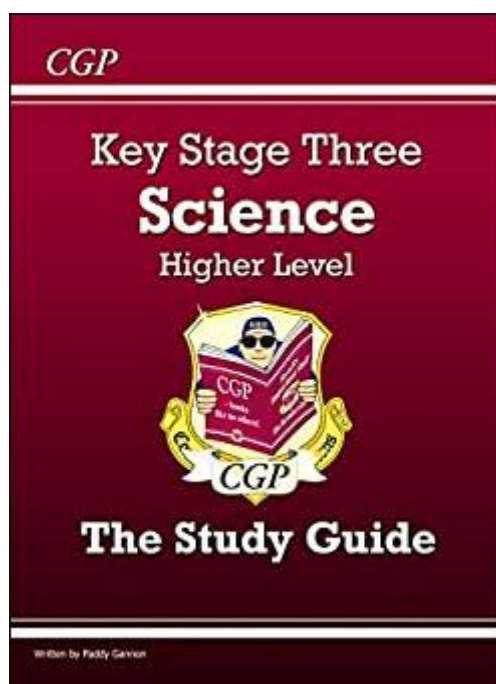
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## KS3 Science Study Guide

Every HSL student has now received a red CGP KS3 Science Higher Level Study Guide. Please encourage them to use their Study Guide at home to complete their homework, catch up from lessons they have missed, and revise for their assessments. We will collect these Study Guides back at the end of Year 8, so the students have been told to keep them safe and avoid writing in them.

Miss Kennedy and Mr Rothwell





## Sporting Achievements

The tutor groups have been discussing the importance of exercise and how being part of a sporting club can bring so many other positive elements to their day to day lives.

We asked Chelt if they had any recent sporting achievements they are proud of and here is some of the responses.

'My team beat Southside Lions in the County Cup and we came 1<sup>st</sup>'

Freddie

'I took part in the Bristol Karting Club Sports Championship race and came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 22 people from ages 12-69!'

Hamish

'At British Mountain Biking Downhill you start at the top, there is a laser that when you cross it your time starts and at the end. I managed to get 1:55 seconds and was only a few seconds from 1<sup>st</sup> place. I was still so stoked to get 2<sup>nd</sup> place and I won a free admission to the bike park.'

Logan

'I did a gym competition and got given a certificate for taking part. I got a medal to keep for a week (gymnastic of the week). I do it every Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm.'

Daisy



## Uniform

The school uniform is an important feature of our school community that identifies HSL pupils, is smart and practical, as well as promoting a sense of belonging. Please can you ensure your child is only wearing black or grey socks or tights to school.

Please refer to our [uniform policy](#) which can be found on our website.

Many thanks  
Miss O'Riordan

## Little Shop of Horrors Rehearsals

A little reminder about our school production! All rehearsal schedules are being uploaded to the VLE for pupils to check regularly. It is crucial that all pupils try and attend if they have been called.

Rehearsals are going really well and we cannot wait to for you to see this performance. Please remember to keep the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022 free!