



Highcliffe School Student Bulletin

Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th September 2014: **Week A**

Thought For The Week:

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door - Milton Berle

😊 *Welcome Back!* 😊

A message from Mr Earnshaw:

Hello to all Highcliffe students and your parents and welcome back from your summer holiday, which I hope was a restful and enjoyable one. Last week my family finally completed our move from Cumbria into the local area and we are settled in our new home. My daughter is enrolled in a local primary school. I officially started work at Highcliffe on 1st September although the hand-over from Ms Potts' leadership has been going on ever since I was appointed back in March. I'm lucky to be working with a team of very talented and hard-working staff. I am delighted to join this highly successful, caring and thriving school. I am looking forward to getting to know as many students and parents as rapidly as possible over the coming months.

Students will soon have the opportunity to meet me when I'm out and about on duty or visiting lessons, clubs and events, as well as through a series of assemblies I will give to the main school and Sixth Form over the next few days. I like to spend as much time as practicable away from my desk in order to be a visible and supportive presence around school. I intend to work closely with the Head Boy and Head Girl and the School Council, as the representatives of all students, to build on and further improve this already very successful school. As for parents, I look forward to meeting you at some of the many after-school events planned for the year including Open Evenings and Parents Evenings; and to working in partnership with you to provide a great education for your child throughout their time at Highcliffe. Parents, please note you are always welcome to contact me at school by phone or email or arrange to come in to meet face to face, by contacting my PA, Angie Parsons.

I have high expectations of student behaviour and attitude, and a total commitment to providing a really first-class education to all students in every year group. I come to Highcliffe with 6 years' experience leading a large, high-performing 11 to 18 secondary school in Lancashire and 21 years of experience of teaching in total. Over the coming years I intend to work with staff, students and parents to build on the very positive ethos of Highcliffe School. I intend to ensure our examination results continue to be of the very highest standard, that students continue to feel happy, safe and cared for, and proud to be here; and students are challenged and developed academically by the stimulating and rewarding education they receive.

Literacy Focus:



DEAR: Once a week, each tutor group will spend a tutor time doing private silent reading. For this, you need to make sure you have a reading book that you can settle to. Have you got something on the go at the moment? If so, bring that in. If not, make sure you get hold of one. Pay a visit to the Library if necessary!

There are plenty of recommendations in the resource bank too under 'English'.

Year 11 Work Experience: Please make sure you have returned your **completed** work experience diary for your tutor to check and sign. This will then be kept in your portfolio as evidence of your work experience and certificates will follow later in the term. You will also be given the report from your employer that you can also keep in your portfolio. Remember to update your CV and personal statement with details of your work experience and any other employment/experience over the holiday. Mrs Finch.

Year 10/11 WRL courses: Those students who are following a Work-Related Learning programme will start their courses on Tuesday 9th (Year 11) and Thursday 11th (Year 10). Please arrive outside the dining hall by 8.35am so you can be registered and catch the minibus to your course provider. It is essential that you are not late as the courses start at 9.00am prompt. Mrs Finch.

Library Books: Please can you check to see if you have any library books or text books that need to be returned at the start of this term. If you have, they need to be brought back to the Library in the next few days to clear your account. If you are not sure what you have, please ask Mrs Nagel-Smith.

A reminder of the rules and routines for going on the field:

- When the field is open, the 'picnic area' at the front of school will also be open for those of you who want to sit quietly away from the ball games and other activities.
- If the red flag is on the field - keep off!
- **The bins and tables must not be moved.**
- Use the litter bins - do not drop litter!
- Respect each other's personal space - no play-fighting, 'bundling' or contact sports of any kind.
- Rugby / 'contact' sports are not allowed.
- Games of football must have goals.
- Stay away from the sand pits and surrounding area.
- Keep ball games well away from the buildings, fences and trees.
- Stay out of the trees and do not play with cones, branches, grass cuttings, etc.
- Do not congregate next to classroom windows and doors.
- Keep 5 metres away from the perimeter fences, or within the athletic track.
- Students should not throw cricket balls - windows have been broken as a result.



A new school year is like a blank page....



...let's make the most of it!

I WONDER... *Do you think Britain is too small to ever rule the world?*