



February 2019

WEEKLY NEWS – Spring Term 5

A POLITE REMINDER

Students should not bring any food products into school that contain: nuts (or nut related/sesame products). One of our students experienced a serious reaction this week which required hospital treatment, as a result of coming into contact with known allergens.

Our catering team do, of course, work within these guidelines but it is essential that staff and students do the same with any food that is brought into school. Many thanks for your cooperation.

CORRECTION – BREAD & ROSES MARCH

Please note that the news item regarding the Year 10 students on the Bread & Roses Women's' March should read Gracie Norman and Rosie Stedman.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Please note that there will not be any Homework Club running on Thursday next week as the Library is being used for another event.

PUBLIC EXAMS SUMMER 2019

Contingency day, June 2019 examination series

In the highly unlikely event that there is national disruption to a day of examinations in summer 2019, the awarding bodies will liaise with the qualification regulators and the DfE to agree the most appropriate option for managing the impact. As a last resort the affected examinations will be rescheduled. Although every effort would be taken to keep the impact to a minimum, it is possible that there could be more than one timetable date affected following the disruption, up to and including the contingency day on 26 June 2019.

Centres will be alerted if it was agreed to reschedule the examinations and the affected candidates will be expected to make themselves available in such circumstances.

Where candidates choose not to be available for the rescheduled examination(s) for reasons other than those traditionally covered by special consideration, they **will not** be eligible for enhanced grading arrangements.

Centres **must** therefore ensure candidates and parents are aware of this contingency arrangement so that they may take it into account when making their plans for the summer. However, the awarding bodies will not insist upon candidates being available throughout the entire timetable period as a matter of course.

DISTRICT SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our teams at the District Sports Hall Athletics competition. Year 7 finished 3rd and Year 8 were District winners! Well done to all.

Many thanks, also, to the North Herts Secondary Sports Partnership who organised the event, assisted by our Year 11 and 12 Sports Leaders.



STAR BAKERS



Congratulations to last week's joint 'Star Bakers' in Food Tech: Jenny White and Betty O'Sullivan.

They produced some very professional looking strawberry shortcake stacks. Well done!

YEAR 7

The first French Spelling Bee takes place next Thursday. Remember to practice at home and in your form time!

YEAR 9 WATER CHALLENGE GROUP



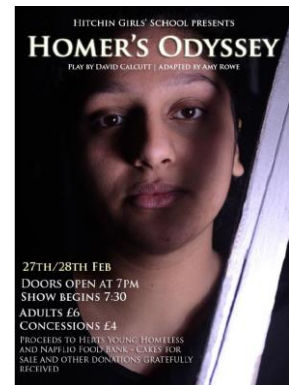
Year 9 are currently working with Affinity Water on ways to conserve water. Two short survey links were emailed out to all parents and students this week which we would be grateful if you could complete. The surveys are short (taking less than two minutes to complete) and relate to water usage. Thank you in advance for helping us to find ways to reduce water usage!

YEAR 10

Remember that every Friday lunchtime, Year 10 can book to use the Fitness Suite, Badminton courts etc. Students must sign up before 12.30pm on a Friday.

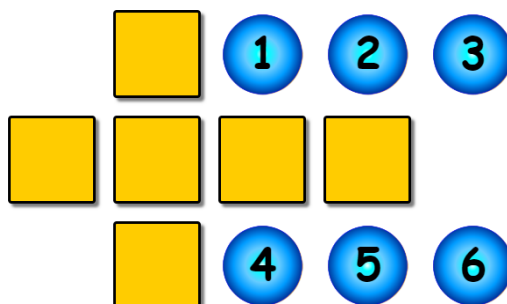
HOMER'S ODYSSEY

The Senior Classics Society, formed of students from all the consortium schools, will be performing their annual charity play on 27 and 28 February. This year, the students have chosen an adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey*. This will be the ninth production in a long-standing tradition which is entirely student led and has raised thousands of pounds for worthy causes including Great Ormond Street Hospital and Phase. The money raised in 2019 will be going to Herts Young Homeless and to a foodbank and citizen support scheme in the southern Greek city of Nauplio. The area hosts the Classics residential trip and has seen a huge rise in deprivation since the beginning of the financial and refugee crises in Greece. More information, including prices and times, can be found on the poster.



WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE

Arrange the numbers on the yellow tiles so that the sum of the numbers in the vertical line is the same as the sum of the numbers in the horizontal line



How many different ways are there of doing this task?

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCE

We have a dedicated email address for parents/carers to report a student absence, in addition to the main school number. Please send details of the reason for absence and expected return date together with student name and form (and your name) to: absence@hgs.herts.sch.uk

FOLLOW HGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Don't forget you can follow HGS on social media (*Hitchin Girls' School* Facebook page or @HitchinGirls handle on Twitter) to get all the latest news, photos and information about school!



**** MENU BELOW SUBJECT TO CHANGE ****

WEEKLY MENU (w/c 11 February) (GF = Gluten Free Options Available on Request)

	DINNER	VEGETARIAN	3 RD CHOICE	4 TH CHOICE	DESSERT
MON	CHEESE & POTATO PIE (V)	QUORN IN BLACK BEAN (GF)	CHESSEY BEAN YORKSHIRES (V)	PASTA & TOPPING JACKET POTATOES POTATO POTS(V)	RHUBARB CRUMBLE (free from eggs, milk)
TUES	BBQ CHICKEN NOODLES	SAVOURY STUFFED PEPPERS (GF)	CHEESE QUICHE (V)	PASTA & TOPPING JACKET POTATOES POTATO POTS (V)	FLAPJACK (free from wheat, eggs, milk)
WED	LAMB HOTPOT (GF)	CURRIED POTATO & SPINACH BAKE (GF)	CHEESE & TOMATO WRAPS (V)	PASTA & TOPPING JACKET POTATOES POTATO POTS (V)	CHOCOLATE CRUNCH (free from eggs)
THURS	BACON, LEEK & POTATO BAKE	BROCCOLI & CHEESE PASTA	CARAMALISED ONION QUICHE (V)	PASTA & TOPPING JACKET POTATOES POTATO POTS (V)	BANANA & CHOCOLATE CHIP SPONGE
FRI	CHICKEN KORMA (GF)	MACARONI CHEESE	BATTERED FISH	PASTA & TOPPING JACKET POTATOES POTATO POTS(V)	APPLE CRUMBLE (free from wheat, eggs, milk)

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING – THE PRIORY SCHOOL

Tuesday, 19 March, 6.30pm-7.30pm

CAMHS and Tiers of Support – Guest Speaker: Charlotte Train, Head of Stevenage CAMHS

No booking required, just turn up!



HITCHIN FORUM
Caring for our Town

AND



PRESENT

HITCHIN BIG SPRING CLEAN

WITH LITTLE TREASURES
TO BE FOUND

17TH MARCH 2019

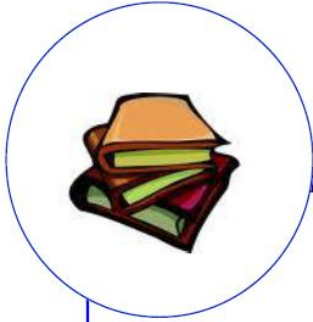
**10am - 12noon
All over Hitchin**

TO JOIN IN EMAIL:

litter@hitchinforum.org.uk

BY 8TH MARCH

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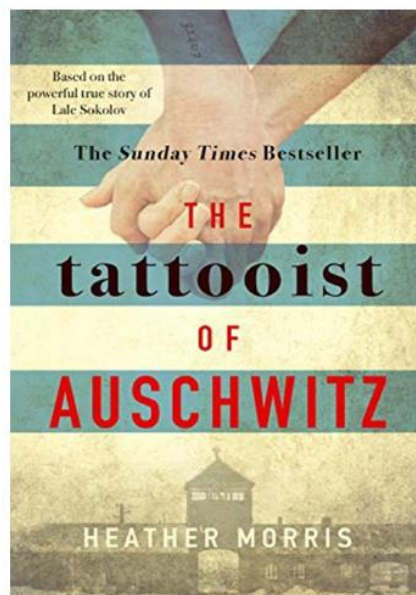


H.G.S BOOK CLUB

At Hitchin Girls' School 7.00 pm in the Library.

12 March 2019

Book To Read



Want to know more?

Call Mary Goose

on 01462 621300

Or

Email: library@hgs.herts.sch.uk

**Read all or part of the book and come to discuss
it in a friendly, informal group!**

