

Diss High School Weekly Bulletin

Week Beginning: 15th May 2023		Week: 01	
Events			Time
Monday Miss Pittman	15/05/2023	Year 11 and Year 13 Study leave starts today	
Tuesday Mr Adamson	16/05/2023		
Wednesday Mr Lea	17/05/2023	Additional Studies – Year 8 – Room 24 – Mr Russell	8am
		Year 11 GCSE English Literature Exam Warm up Session – English Department	8:25am
Thursday Miss Johnson	18/05/2023	Additional Studies – Year 9 – Room 60 – Mrs Bond	8am
		🌸🥕🌾 School Allotment Club 🌸🥕🌾 Planting, seeding and harvesting - bring your lunch	1:15pm
		More2life Lunchtime Club today - Room 35 Bring your lunch.	1:20pm
Friday Mr Somers	19/05/2023	Year 10 Silver DofE expedition - Peak District Thursday 18 th – Sunday 21 st May Staff: S.Busby, P. Brading, S. Palmer, C. Holmes	
		Duolingo Club - Room 36	1:20pm

General Information

Assemblies:

No Assemblies due to GCSE and A-Level Exams this week

Monday 15th May

Tuesday 16th May

Wednesday 17th May

Thursday 18th May

Friday 19th May

General notices for parents/students:

Stopping, turning and parking at Main Entrance is not permitted

Please be reminded that pupils should be dropped off and picked up at the pedestrian entrance on Willbye Avenue. Parking, stopping, or entering at the main entrance to Diss High School on Walcot Road is not permitted. Please be reminded also that the main entrance should not be used as a turning area, including for sixth form drivers.

Lost Property

Please ensure students' uniform, PE kit and personal property is clearly marked with their name so we can return back to students if misplaced around the school site.

If your child is missing anything, please ask them to check at Reception or in the PE Department.

Many thanks - School Office

Student Absence

Please can you report a student absence by calling the main line 01379 642424 and selecting option 1 before 08:30am. Alternatively, you can email attendance@disshigh.co.uk

Many thanks, P Turrell – Attendance Officer

Lunchtime Menu

Week 1 – Please see Menu on Diss High School Website.

Water Bottles (In school every day)

Please ensure students bring a named re-useable water bottle to school each day, not a glass bottle. They can be refilled at the water fountain at break & lunchtime. Students can also help themselves to free cups of water from the canteen at break and lunch if they forget their water bottle.

Missing Science Equipment

Any science equipment your child may have borrowed or mistakenly taken home from the Science Department, for example safety goggles, should be returned to school and put in the box outside of room 24 as soon as possible.

Many thanks, on behalf of the Science Department

Year 11 students and parents

Last week, Year 11 students and parents should have received, via In-Touch, a timetable of when revision sessions will be offered to students during study leave. If you have not received this, please contact Miss Johnson on SuzanneJohnson@disshigh.co.uk

Also sent out was information regarding English warm-up sessions before all of the English exams, along with a Microsoft Form sign-up link to attend the English revision sessions that are available over the weeks ahead. Please do encourage your student to sign up for these opportunities.

Many thanks, S Johnson – Assistant Headteacher

Exams

GCE and GCSE exams start on Monday 15th May and run until Wednesday 28th June. All exam students have both email and paper copies of their timetables and seating arrangements. It is vital that students arrive in plenty of time for their exams and have all the correct equipment with them. If a student is too unwell on an exam day to attend, the school must be phoned no later than 8:30am with details of the illness and a Self-Certification for candidates who have missed an exam JCQ/ME form 14 must be completed. Please contact reception on 01379 642424 where a form can be emailed to you or collect from reception.

Please ensure students have the following items for their exams:

- Two black pens
- Two pencils
- An eraser
- A sharpener or lead if using a mechanical pencil
- A ruler
- A clear or see-through pencil case
- A clear see-through bottle of water
- Maths equipment such as protractor, compass, and calculator for maths exams

What to leave outside the exam room:

- Your phone
- Your smartwatch
- Any other devices
- Any paper or books
- Dictionaries
- Correction fluid
- All your worries!

Good luck with your upcoming exams!

Many thanks, D Smith - Examinations Officer

Cost of School Meals

We are all very aware of the way in which the cost of food has increased substantially over the past year. Food and drink inflation reached 19.1% in March. Our catering partners, Aspens, have worked hard to continue to provide tasty, nutritious food for our pupils at a reasonable cost. The cost of a two-course meal has remained at £2.42 for the last year, but we must now increase prices by 5% to £2.54.

Most individual menu items will increase by similar amounts although some items such as bottled juices will increase by more. The increase will take place from Monday 15th May: please see new menus with adjusted costs attached. The menu will also be available on our school website.

Please be assured that we will continue to do our utmost to ensure school meals remain good value for money. Pupils from families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. An application form is available on our website.

Many thanks, on behalf of Aspens Catering

Diss Corn Hall Gemma Correll Exhibition 12th May – 24th June

Diss High School has been given the opportunity to exhibit work at Diss Corn Hall from 12th May- 24th June alongside the illustrator, cartoonist and writer Gemma Correll. Artwork from students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will be exhibited in the upstairs gallery space and cafe.

Please pop along and have a look; students have produced some really excellent pieces of work based on the projects they have been working on.

Many thanks, D Marshall – Head of Art

Year 7 Parent and Student evening takes place on Wednesday 7 June.

This will be delivered online. Bookings will become available to parents and carers on Monday 22 May at 4pm. I have attached a guide for parents that will walk you through each step of the process for logging onto our booking system and making your appointments. I would advise setting a reminder and logging on promptly at 4pm to get all of the appointments you would like within a time frame that suits your household.

If you have any problems logging onto the system, or with making the bookings themselves, please do not hesitate to contact me at billyadamson@disshigh.co.uk

Many thanks B Adamson – Assistant Head

Dorset Trip

The final payment of £110 for students going on the Dorset trip in August is due by Friday 19^h May. Please make payment via www.pay360educationpayments.com

Many thanks, D Somers - Assistant Headteacher

Lunchtime and after School Clubs and Activities

Please follow the link below for an updated list of lunchtime and after school clubs and activities available for students:

<https://www.disshigh.norfolk.sch.uk/home/parents/clubs-and-activities/>

PE Fixtures

If a pupil is selected to represent Diss High School for a PE fixture, the team sheet will be displayed outside the Boys'/Girls' PE changing room and posted on the disshighpe Instagram page.

Students and parent/carers can request to follow disshighpe on Instagram by saying who the pupil is and what form they are in. Once your follow request has been accepted, you can view team sheets, dates and times along with team photos.

Many thanks, PE Department

Misplaced/Lost Lunch Card

If your student has misplaced their lunch card, firstly check with Reception to see if it has been handed in. If not there, please order a replacement card via www.pay360educationpayments.com under 'Fees and subs.' Students who receive free school meals and have misplaced their card must report to the school office to order a replacement card.

If you are having trouble logging on to Pay360, please email enquiries.sims@disshigh.co.uk

School jumpers and trousers request

Thank you to the families who have donated school uniform - we would still be grateful for any spare or outgrown school jumpers in Medium, Large or Extra Large and girls' and boys' grey trousers in age 11 upwards. Please bring to the school office - many thanks.

Newspapers Request - Art Department

Please continue to save newspapers and bring along to room 77 Art Department.

Many thanks, S Nicholls – Art Department

Bags and Containers left in Food Technology Rooms 20 and 21

Several bags and ingredient containers brought in from home were left in the Food Technology Rooms before the Easter break. Please remind your child to collect and take home.

Many Thanks, A Emsden - Food Technology Technician